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COUNTDOWN SLIDE at 9:20

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS 9:25

SHARING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING HYMN: *In Christ Alone*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p.56
L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.
L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
L: God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

L: And now may the grace of Our Lord Jesus the Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen [please be seated]

GREETING p.57

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON



HYMN OF PRAISE *("Glory to God in the highest...")*



PRAYER OF THE DAY p.62

L: The Lord be with you

C: And Also with you

L: Let us pray…..

C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING – Amos 5:18-24

L: The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
  Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
  and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
  and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
  and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
  and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
  I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
  I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
  I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
  and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 70

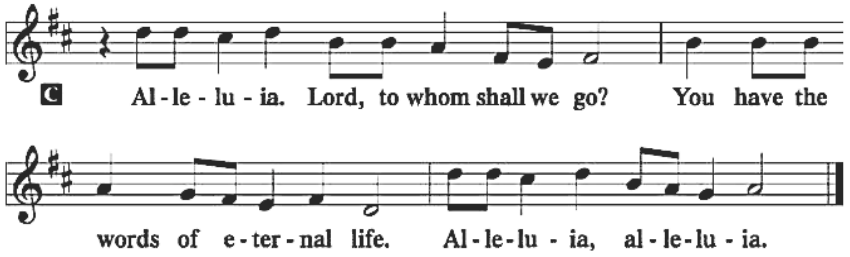
L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
  O Lord, make haste to help me!
2 Let those be put to shame and confusion
  who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
  who desire to hurt me.
3 Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
  turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you
  rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
  say evermore, "God is great!"
5 But I am poor and needy;

hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
L: The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Thessalonians.
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL VERSE p.62

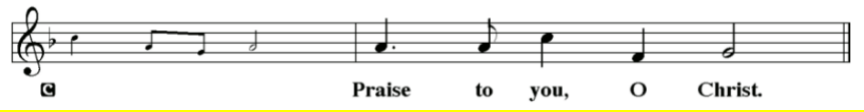


HOLY GOSPEL
L: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 25th chapter.



Matthew 25:1-13
25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five

of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took
their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks
of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be
enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into
the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other
young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But
he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake,
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Nancy Horning
"Ready or Not"

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Jesus is Coming Back*

APOSTLE'S CREED p.65

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH p.75-76
L: Hear us, O God
C: Your mercy is great

RECEIVE OFFERING
L: Let us acknowledge the tithes and offerings that have been given here today.

OFFERTORY: *Doxology*

OFFERING PRAYER p.74
L: Let us pray: Merciful Father,
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus the Christ our Lord. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER p. 76
L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...
C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION & AMEN p. 74
L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: *Come Jesus Come*

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace to follow Jesus and be ready…
C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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