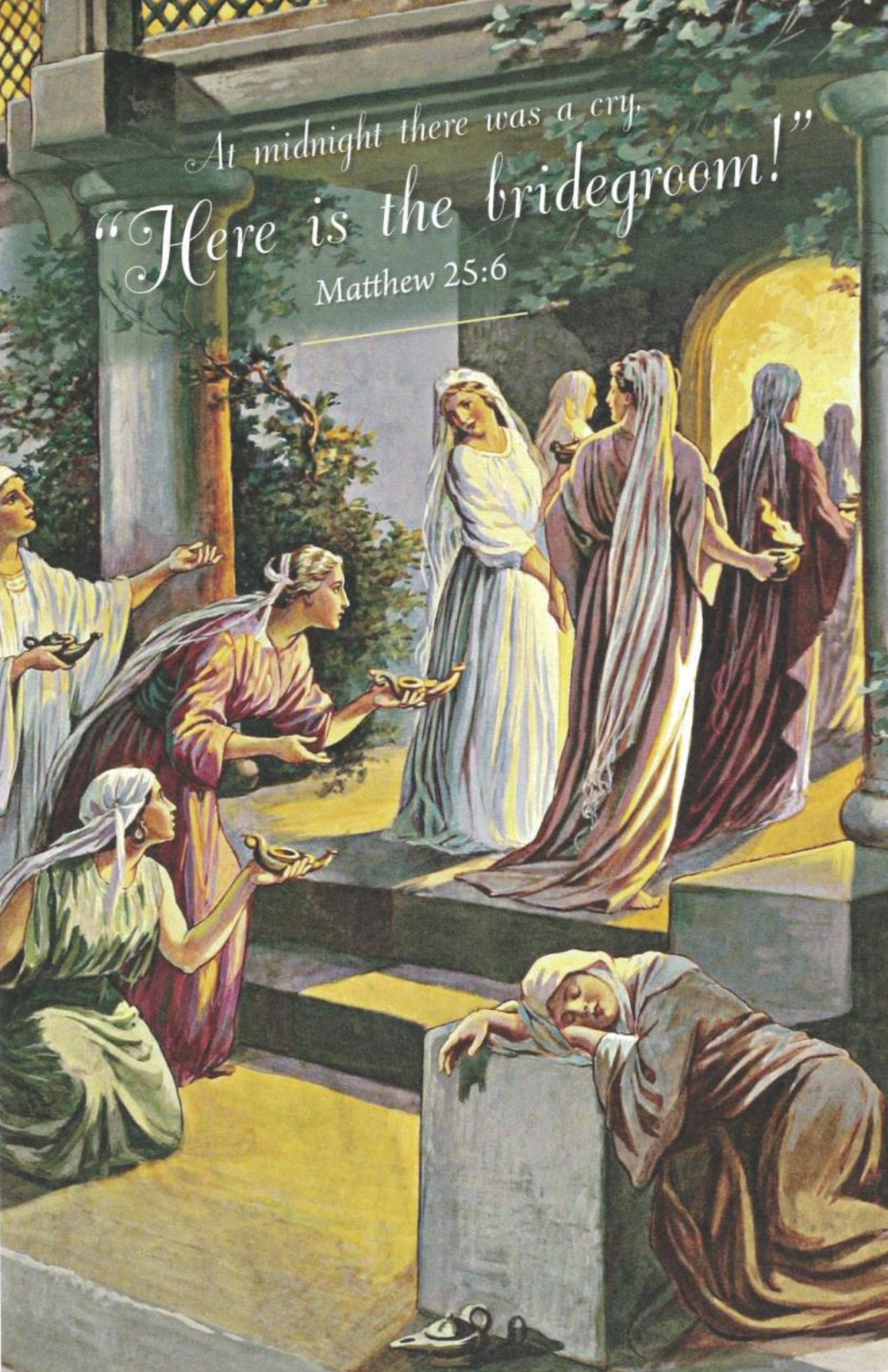


At midnight there was a cry,
"Here is the bridegroom!"

Matthew 25:6



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. November 12, 2023

93.5 FM

COUNTRY WORSHIP

Thoughts as we gather:

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is “*darkness, and not light*” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “*burnt offerings and grain offerings,*” nor will He look upon their “*peace offerings*” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “*justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream*” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “*lamps*” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “*oil*” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “*to the dealers*” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we “*encourage one another with these words*” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “*with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,*” and “*we will always be with the Lord*” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Baptism

Kenny Chesney (feat. Randy Travis)

Instrumental

The summer breeze, made ripples on the pond
Rattled through the rings and the willow trees beyond
Daddy in his good hat, Mama in her Sunday dress
Watched with pride, as I stood there in the water up to my chest
And the preacher spoke about the cleansing blood
I sank my toes into that East Tennessee mud

And it was down with the old man, up with the new
Raised to walk in the way of light and truth
I didn't see no angels, just a few saints on the shore
But I felt like a newborn baby, cradled up in the arms of the Lord

Amazing grace, oh how sweet the sound
There was glory in the air, there was dinner on the ground
And my sins went for many, were washed away and gone
Along with a buffalo nickel I forgot to leave at home

But that seemed like such a small, small price to pay
For the blessed peace of mind that came to me that day
It was down with the old man, up with the new
Raised to walk in the way of light and truth
I didn't see no angels, just a few saints on the shore

But I felt like a newborn baby, cradled up in the arms of the Lord
This road is long and dusty, sometimes the soul it must be cleansed
And I long to feel that water, rushing over me again

Down with the old man, up with the new
Raised to walk in the way of light and truth
I didn't see no angels, just a few saints on the shore
But I felt like a newborn baby, cradled up in the arms of the Lord
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Halos and Horns

Dolly Parton

Halos and horns, sinners and saints,
Hearts that are torn between what's wrong and ain't
Just because it feels right does not make it so
So we struggle through life in horns and halos.

Tempted and tried with each step we take
We stumble and slide and make our mistakes,
Ask God to forgive us for all of our sins,
Then we take off our horns and wear halos again

Halos and horns, sinners and saints,
Hearts that are torn between what's wrong and ain't
Just because it feels right does not make it so
So we struggle through life in horns and halos

Instrumental

Halos and horns, sinners and saints,
We're praised or we're scorned, we either run or we faint
Oh, but life is a challenge from the day that we're born
Just tryin' to balance halos and horns
It's heaven or hell, halos or horns

Halos and horns, sinners and saints,
Hearts that are torn between what's wrong and ain't
But just because it feels right; well that don't make it so
So we struggle through life in horns or halos
It's either horns or halos.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kneel/Stand

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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- P** Let us run before our Lord's throne of grace and confess our sins to Him who is faithful and just and promises to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

We Confess

- C** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

- P** Do you believe the forgiveness I pronounce to you this day is God's forgiveness and not my own?

- C** Yes

- P** Let it be done for you as you believe:

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit

- C** Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.

Sit

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
 Why would you have the day of the LORD?
 It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,
 and a bear met him,
 or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
 and a serpent bit him.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer Me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
 I will not accept them;
 and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
 I will not look upon them.
²³Take away from Me the noise of your songs;
 to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
 O LORD, make haste to help me!
²**Let them be put to shame and confusion
 who seek my life!**
 Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
 who desire my hurt!
³**Let them turn back because of their shame
 who say, “Aha, Aha!”**
⁴May all who seek You
 rejoice and be glad in You!
**May those who love Your salvation
 say evermore, “God is great!”**
⁵But I am poor and needy;
 hasten to me, O God!
**You are my help and my deliverer;
 O LORD, do not delay!**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But He answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

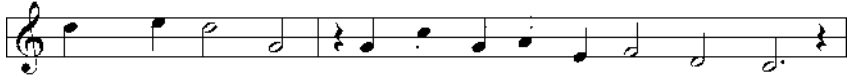
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



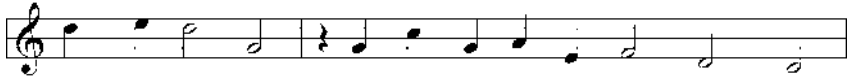
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



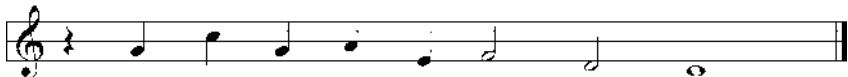
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious: Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Sit

SERMON:

The Scariest Words in Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You are our help and deliverer. We bring to You the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant us all things needful and guard us against all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, preserve Your people from believing that You are pleased with us because of our works or ceremonies. Grant that what we do in worship and prayer may proclaim salvation in Christ Jesus alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. Bless parents and those who teach children Your ways, that generations to come would love Your promises, walk in Your truth and dwell in Your house. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Righteous God, You despise corruption and command justice. Embolden our rulers and all in authority to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, show mercy to those who cry aloud as they await Your Son's coming in glory [*including _____*]. Answer them with strength and healing, comfort and hope. Make them confident in Christ, who will raise His people on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your Son will descend from heaven with a cry of command, raise those who have fallen asleep and deliver us to Your kingdom of glory. Until that day, strengthen us by His body and blood and prepare us for His coming in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, grant that we may not grieve as those who have no hope but rejoice and encourage each other in the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day, preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Do not let us be caught unprepared for His coming. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

Stand

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will

rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Special Music: Joe & Gail Yancho, George Armstrong, Eunice Harris

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Josh Turner

Instrumental

Great is Your faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
You never change, Your compassions, they fail not
As You have been, You forever will be

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed your hands have provided
Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Your great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Your hands have provided
Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Your hands have provided
Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me

I Got the Lord on My Side

Reba McEntire

Instrumental

I'm so happy I got the Lord on my side
I'm so happy I got the Lord on my side
If you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face
That's 'cause I'm happy I got the Lord on my side
Oh I'm smilin' I got the Lord on my side
Yeah I'm smilin' I got the Lord on my side
When you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face
You know I'm smilin' I got the Lord on my side

Stomp if you're happy
Clap if you're happy
Sing if you're happy
I got the Lord on my side
Stomp if you're happy
Clap if you're happy
Sing if you're happy
I got the Lord on my side

Instrumental

(I got the Lord, got the Lord on my side)
(I'm so happy, got the Lord on my side)

Oh I'm happy (oh I'm happy) I got the Lord on my side
I'm so happy (yeah I'm happy) I got the Lord on my side
If you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face
That's 'cause I'm happy I got the Lord on my side

Stomp if you're happy
Clap if you're happy
Sing if you're happy
I got the Lord on my side
Stomp if you're happy
Clap if you're happy
Sing if you're happy
I got the Lord on my side

If you're happy you got the Lord on your side
If you're happy you got the Lord on your side
If I see that big ol' happy grinnin' smile on your face
I know you're happy (I know you're happy), you got the Lord on your side
Oh you're smilin' you got the Lord on your side
Yes you're smilin' you got the Lord on your side
When I see that big ol' happy grinnin' smile on your face
I know you're smilin' you got the Lord on your side

Instrumental

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Ken Porter
HEAD USHER	Bruce Benson
READER	Wendy Walsh

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, November 19, 2023 are:

Zephaniah 1:7-16
Psalm 90:1-12 (antiphon: v. 17)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 12 – Proper 27

Matthew 25:4 – “But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom’s words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (11/12)	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Annual Voter's Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
Tues. (11/14)	9:00 a.m.	Comfort Quilters
Wed. (11/15)	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sat. (11/18)	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (11/19)	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation Class

ATTENDANCE:

11/05/2023	9:00 a.m.	51
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 3,948.00	Needed YTD	\$ 174,596.00
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Over	\$ 1,400.65	Short	\$ (34,166.80)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

ANNUAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

The annual Ascension Lutheran Voter's Assembly will be today at 1:00 p.m.. We will be in the social hall. It will be an in-person meeting only.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Youth Confirmation Class will be at 2:00 p.m. today.

COMFORT QUILTERS

Comfort Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

We will be having a special service for the congregation to prepare our hearts for the Advent Season. The service will be about the meaning behind all the candles in the Advent Wreath. The service will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. We also need volunteers for the service. We will have a sign-up sheet for finger foods in the Narthex. Please see either Eunice Harris or Kathy Valvo if you are interested for one of the readings.

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to Mark Amer, Bruce Benson, Mike Benzow, and Dennis Co-burn for trimming the trees. It is very much appreciated.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome.

Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder	Francis Durfée	Gamas Family
Garcia Family	Jennifer Millgate	Gaylon Pastella
Beverly Moglich	Kevin Smith	Gwen Strasburg
Charles Blake	Steve Brunette & Family	Devin Coole
Judy Cutler	Chrissie Gates	Roger Hall
Mildred Sears	Rory Tighe	Matt Adkins
Daryl Albertson & Family	Tiffany Anderson	Brian Barlow
Red & MaryAnn Beck	Beverlyn	Bill Blanton
Tara Brown	Sherry Burke	Cindy Celaya
Jackie Clinton	Dennis & Jean Coburn	Dick Connors
Beth Craig	Larry Cramins	William Creek
Julie DeRose	Stephen Detwiler	Rusty DeWitt
Mary Diaz	Carol Emerson	Janice Estrick
Scott Fales	Christian Frash	Don Garcia
Grace Glass	Government	Jay & Becky Graham
Kurt Gutowsky	Marty Hall	Jan Harke
Pastor Harris	Jeanne Hecksel	Connor Hedden & Family
Harry Heike	Marion Higgins	Dan Hook
Howard Hunt	Hal Husel	Denise Jackman
Jim Jorgensen	Linda Kaufman	Chris Kelly
Linda Kienle	Emma Kraus	Anthony Kwesie
Debbie Lange	Jennifer LaRue	Rylee LaTrace
Daniel Legerton	Melody LeGray	Sean & Sharon Liedtky
Doug & Corky Lumley	Steve & Debbie Martines	Victoria Matthews
Al & Betty Lu Mayer	Bob Mayer	David McDonald
Judy Meadows	Dave Meyer	Daniel Midgely
Military	David Miller	Jay Miner
Debbie Moore	Renee Moore	Justin Morales
Herbert Moran	Janet Mowery	Amanda Netzell
Lauren Neumann	Michelle Nichol	Lori O’Neil
John Ethan Oros	Jessie Oswald	Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Seunghée Pastella	Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Heather Perez & Unborn Child
Heidi Perry	Ken Peterson	Ken & Lynda Porter
Grace Preston	Kelley Pulone	Marilyn Quade
Charlotte Ramirez	Lupe Rankin	Michele Rawlins
Dave Riffel	Crystal Roblero	Linda Roque
Beth Rubio	Ernie & Carol Schmidt	Chris Segard
Melissa Sevall	Loretta Severson	Ray Shaffer
Shakayla	Diane Short	Short Family
Ashley Skiffington	Manuel Sousa	Ron Stark
Marky Stein	Bob & Debbie Stowe	Terry
Carol Thomas	Ora Thomas	Diana Thornbury
Sheryl Truslow & Tandia	Trudi Tucker	Doug Tullis
Stan Vacek	Kathy Valvo	Pat Van Strien
Blaise Vasey	Brandon Vess	Victims of Violence & Families
Tammy Wall	Paul Wallace & Rosa Wallace	Chelsea Waters
JerriLynn Westendorf	Nancy Williams	Steve & Wilma Wilson
Judy Winkler	Cynthia Yancho	Larry Young

GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of John Austin



About the Cover: The bridegroom is here! Five were prepared with oil in their lamps, but another five were unprepared and left in the dark. Christ’s parable of the ten virgins is a call to vigilance for the Lord’s return. We do not know the hour when He will come back again. However, in our Lord’s Word, we have everything we need to be ready for that day. His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). Jesus, the Church’s Bridegroom, has died, risen, and is coming back again for His Church.