22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

(*) Please stand as you are comfortable and able

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession and forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. --- 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. Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God ...

C: **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

*Hymn #658 "O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts"

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

P: Let us pray. ~ 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.

The First Reading ~ **Amos 5: 18-24**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make I haste to help me.

[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me 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 forever, "Great is the Lord!"**

[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, I do not tarry.

The Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

[13] 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.

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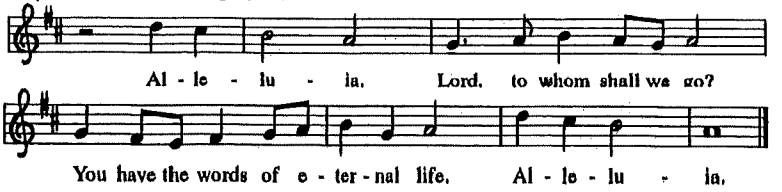
*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)



*The Holy Gospel ~ **Matthew 25: 1-13**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel according to the 25th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn #436 "Wake Awake for Night is Flying"

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*The Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

Anthem "Christ, Be Our Light"

Blessing of the Communion Elements

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer (traditional — prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #661 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.' **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music

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No formal offering is taken during the worship service. Two plates are located out in the narthex to receive your financial gifts to Friedens. Thank you.

.. to Diane Ernst for serving as our lector this morning

.. to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech

To remember in prayer: Ronald Black, Bob Brown, Shauna & Dan Brucker, Caitlin Carfagno, Kelcie Dahms, Wayne Dieffenbach, Richard Eisenhart, Faye, Harlan, Bill Hechler, Jeanne Logan, Lori Remaly, Barb Shaneberger, Robert Stayer, Andrew Trump, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, Leon Warmkessel, the family & friends of George Weiser, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones we name before God. ✞

***Announcements**

Today's altar flowers have been sponsored by Pat Hosler in memory of loved ones.

Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods for our Election Day Bake Sale. The sale was a big success.

Today we welcome Pastor David Werley to lead our worship. Pastor Werley was for many years the Chaplin at the Lutheran Home at Topton.