

The Lutheran Church of the Atonement

11/15/2020 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Versicles

LSB 285

L O Lord, open my lips,
 C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
 L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

¹Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
 in all gener- | ations.
²Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or ever you had formed the earth | and the
 world,*
 from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
³You return | man to dust*
 and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”
⁴For a thousand years in your sight
 are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
 or as a watch | in the night.
⁵You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
 they are like a dream,
 like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
⁶in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
 in the evening it fades and | withers.

⁷For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
 by your wrath we | are dismayed.
⁸You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
 our secret sins in the light of your | presence.
⁹For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;*
 we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
 or even by reason of strength | eighty;*
 yet their span is but toil and trouble;
 they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
¹¹Who considers the power of your | anger,*
 and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
¹²So teach us to number | our days*
 that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Old Testament Reading

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
 For the day of the LORD is near;
 the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
 and consecrated his guests.
⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
 "I will punish the officials and the king's sons
 and all who array themselves in foreign attire."
⁹On that day I will punish
 everyone who leaps over the threshold,
 and those who fill their master's house
 with violence and fraud.
¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
 "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
 a wail from the Second Quarter,
 a loud crash from the hills."
¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
 For all the traders are no more;
 all who weigh out silver are cut off.
¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
 and I will punish the men
 who are complacent,

Zephaniah 1:7–16

those who say in their hearts,
 'The LORD will not do good,
 nor will he do ill.'
¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
 and their houses laid waste.
 Though they build houses,
 they shall not inhabit them;
 though they plant vineyards,
 they shall not drink wine from them."
¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
 near and hastening fast;
 the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
 the mighty man cries aloud there.
¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
 a day of distress and anguish,
 a day of ruin and devastation,
 a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
 against the fortified cities
 and against the lofty battlements.

Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14–30

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Reading Response

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C Thanks be to God.

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er — for - ev - er Three in One!"
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Sermon

Kyrie

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L O Lord,
 C **have mercy.**
 L O Christ,
 C **have mercy.**
 L O Lord,
 C **have mercy.**

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.**

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.**

Versicles

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
 C **let my cry come to You.**
- L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
 C **for You answer me.**
- L Hide Your face from my sins,
 C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L Cast me not away from Your presence,
 C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
 C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
 C **my lips will praise You.**
- L For You have been my help,
 C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
 C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
 C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
 C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
 C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
 C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collect of the Day

- L Let us pray.
 Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Morning

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

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- L Let us bless the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing*LSB 287*

- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
 C **Amen.**

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