



A Home for Every Heart

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

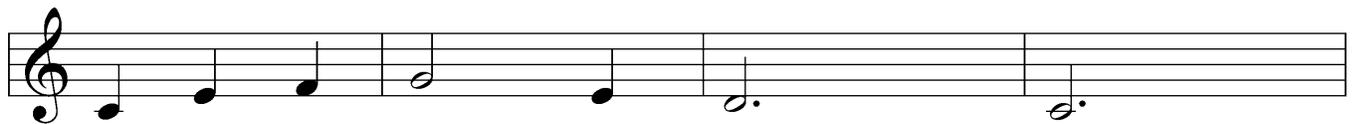
Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church! Thank you for joining us as we worship the Lord today. If you are attending in-person, please note that we continue to follow coronavirus health protocols. Overflow space is available in the Fellowship Hall. If you are attending from your vehicle, please tune your radio to 93.5 FM. We warmly welcome all those participating on Facebook as well! If you have any questions, prayer requests or other needs this morning, please speak with Pastor Kory. Our Scriptural focus today will be the Gospel reading – Jesus’ “Parable of the Talents” in Matthew 25:14-30.

We Greet One Another

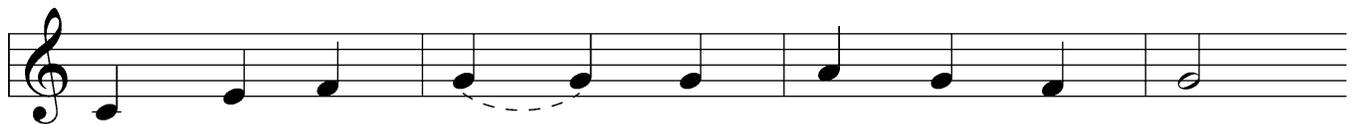
We Sing: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



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.

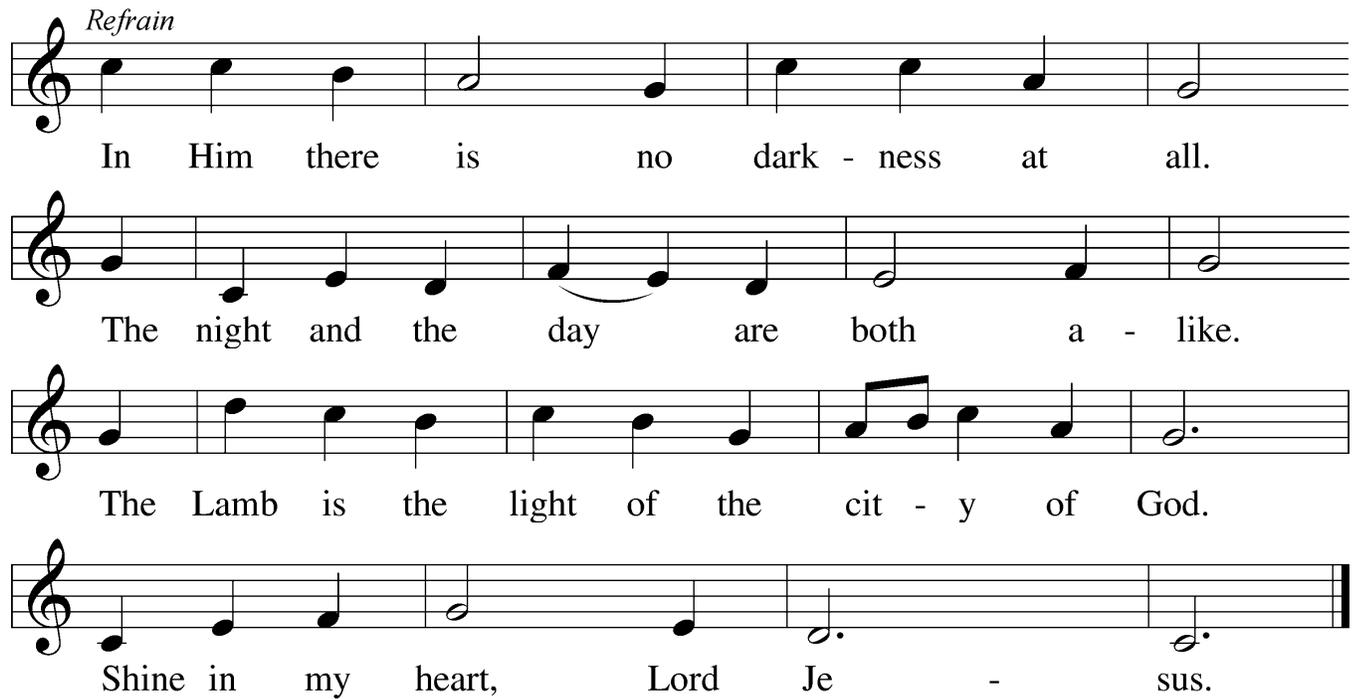


God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



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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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
 C **You have been our good and faithful Master.**

P You have poured out blessings upon us.
 C **You have given us all we need to support this body and life.**

P We meditate on all that You have done.
 C **We ponder the work of Your hands.**

P On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.
 C **In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.**

Confession and Absolution

P Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**
- P God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

Opening Psalm

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

We Sing: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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First Reading (The Day of the Lord will bring wrath for the complacent.) *Zephaniah* 1:12–16

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
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.

Epistle Reading (The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.)

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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.

Gospel Reading (The Parable of the Talents.)

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.’”

We Confess the Christian Faith: The Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

We Sing: O God, your Hand the Heavens Made"

**1 O God, your hand the heavens made
And all that they contain;
The world appeared at your command,
And in it now you reign.
The restless sea, the land, the sky
Your handiwork declare;
The touch of your creative pow'r
Is present ev'rywhere.**

- 2 To us are given gifts divine;
All talents you have sent.
Inspire us now to use them well
Your kingdom to extend.
We hold each gift a trust from you
Nor claim it as our own;
We gratefully acknowledge, Lord,
All things are yours alone.
- 3 Deliver us from selfish aims;
True stewards we would be.
Endow us with a deep desire
To live unselfishly.
A full accounting we must give
And see you face to face;
Let us approach your throne with joy,
Supported by your grace.

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Sermon "The Good and Faithful One" (Matthew 25:14-30)

My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

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Prayer of the Church

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 Lord's Supper

Statement of Belief

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 our 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 sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith, 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 to speak first with the Pastor. Thank you!

Preface

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.**

Communion Prayer

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Communion Distribution:

(Beginning with those sitting on the north side of the church, please come forward to the front step as individuals or families. After receiving Christ's body and blood, please return directly to your seat.)

Closing Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

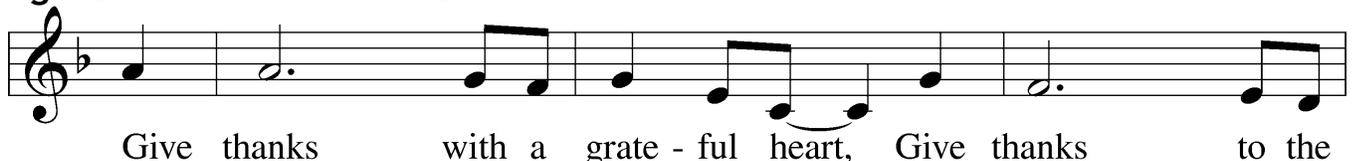
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

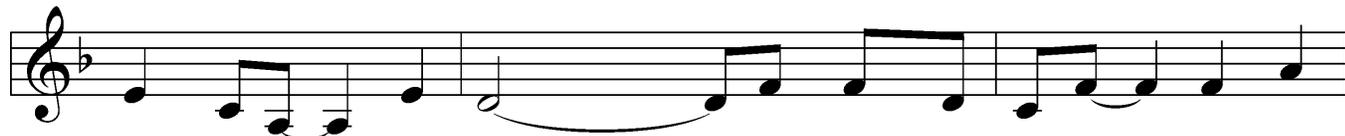
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

We Sing: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"





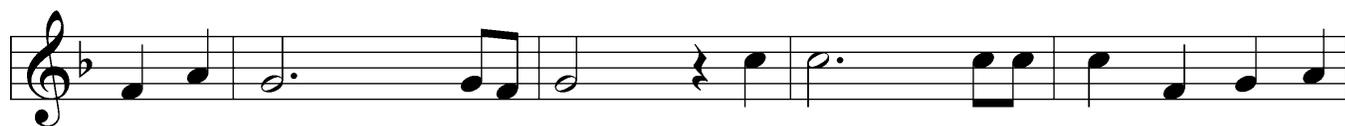
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__



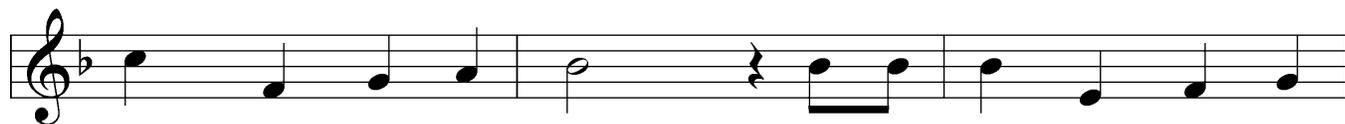
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of



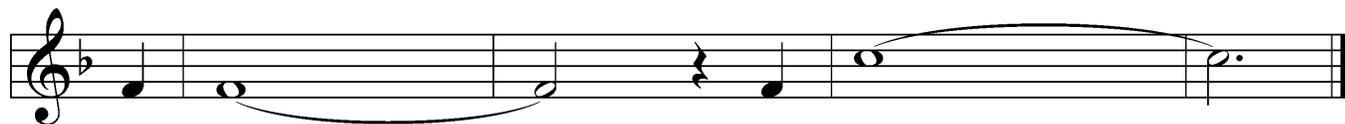
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the



weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am



rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.



Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to grow in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Offering

(Offering baskets are placed at the back of the sanctuary. Please see the announcements for details about E-giving options as well. Thank you!)

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Announcements

Pre-Recorded Thanksgiving Eve Service

We will provide a pre-recorded Thanksgiving Eve service for Weds, Nov. 25 this year. The service will be posted to our Facebook and YouTube pages as well as the church website. We plan to record the service at 1:00 pm in Thursday, Nov 19 if you'd like to attend.

Sunday School Lessons for Advent

Concordia Publishing House has a Jesse Tree Family Activity kit for Advent that focuses is on God Fulfilling His promise of a Savior with activities that emphasize Jesus' lineage and our place in it. The kit contains a children's picture book, an adult devotional, and a tree with 26 ornaments. We would like to purchase these for our Sunday School families (approx. 35). The kits are \$15.99 each. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to help offset the cost of the kits.

There will also be a sample in the narthex if you would like to look at it.

Christmas Poinsettias

Please contact the church office if you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The poinsettia's will be \$12, and we will place them in the front of the sanctuary for the Christmas services. After the services you will be able to take them home.

Options for Offerings

By Mail: to send a check, please mail to St. Matthew's business address, P.O. Box 432, Tomah, WI 54660, or to our physical address, 4285 US Hwy 12, Warrens, WI 54666. E-Giving: now available on our new church website. Just click the "Giving" tab. The Give Plus app: Download the app and type in our zip code (54666) to get started. Text Message: simply text 833-853- 4407 and follow the prompts.

Upcoming Ushers:

Nov 15	Ray Peterson
Nov 22	Kevin Eckelberg
Nov 29	Renee Fletcher

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Nov 15	9:15 am	Worship Service
Sunday, Nov 15	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Nov 15	5:30 pm	Sober Eyes
Sunday, Nov 15	6:00 pm	Ignite Youth Group Mtg
Tues, Nov 17	6:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wed, Nov 18	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Wed, Nov 18	7:15 pm	Catechism
Thurs, Nov 19	9:00 am	Bible Study
Thurs, Nov 19	1:00 am	Recording Thanksgiving Service

We pray for:

- Those with health concerns: Dianne, Virginia, Duaine, Tyler, Dennis, Bob, Angel, and Cindy.
- For the family of John Veldy who departed in Christ on Nov. 9
- For those serving in the armed forces and for police and other first responders
- Nitu, a young girl in India now being sponsored by Ignite through Child Fund International
- Phillip Magness, our missionary to west and central Africa
- Rachel Krause, our missionary in Germany

(Please contact the church office to make updates to our prayer list.)