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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Matthew 25:1,2

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Thank you for joining our service today.

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*Lutherans understand that sin is separation from God. Inherited from Adam we, human beings, are unable to love God from all our hearts, minds, and souls. Sin is not merely making mistakes or saying mean words or mistreated ourselves and our neighbors. Sin is that we are away from love of God. What are things making you away from God past week?*

***This morning we use this time of confession to express our grief to God.** Greif is our longing for things we miss. It is pain in us, and makes it hard for us to recognize love of God. What are things do you feel lost? Who or what do you miss? What are things weighing on you this morning?*

*We will take a few minutes of silence to bring our grief to God.*  
*You may use this space to write them down.*

*Then, we will hear the word of gracious God together.*

P: Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:34-35) Our sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

**Hymn**                      **"Blessed Assurance"**                      ELW #638

*Hymn will be played. You may hum along.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## Scripture Reading

## Matthew 25:1-13

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>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.’ <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” ELW #244

*Hymn will be played. You may hum along.*



## Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

L: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Merciful God we give thanks to you that you give us new life every day. Strengthen us to be your hands and feet to the world you love.

We especially pray

for your church and its ministry of love,  
for your creation  
for those who govern nations of the world  
for all who work for peace  
for the hungry and the oppressed  
for the sick, the despairing, or suffering  
for those who are grieving.

*Additional prayer will be lifted here.*

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

*Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

*Leader will lead the Lord's Prayer and you may pray in silence .*

## **Sending**

*God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**     **"Come, We that Love the Lord"**   ELW #625  
**((We're Marching to Zion))**



*We lift our prayers for*

*Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B, Gene Hesselbacher, Lisa Wienand, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, the Heimann family, Janet, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Ben, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Carla, Tina, Julie, Karla, J.T., Annie and WELCA. We pray for those serving overseas, especially Kyle. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Gary Albrecht.*



*If you would like to watch today's service and other devotional resource, you may check out our website (<http://goodshepherdlena.org/>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL>).*

*You may hum along.*

**“Blessed Assurance” (ELW#638)**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

**“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” (ELW# 244)**

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722;  
tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

**“Come We that Love the Lord” (ELW#625)**  
*(We’re marching to Zion)*

1 Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

*Refrain*

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas;  
Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain