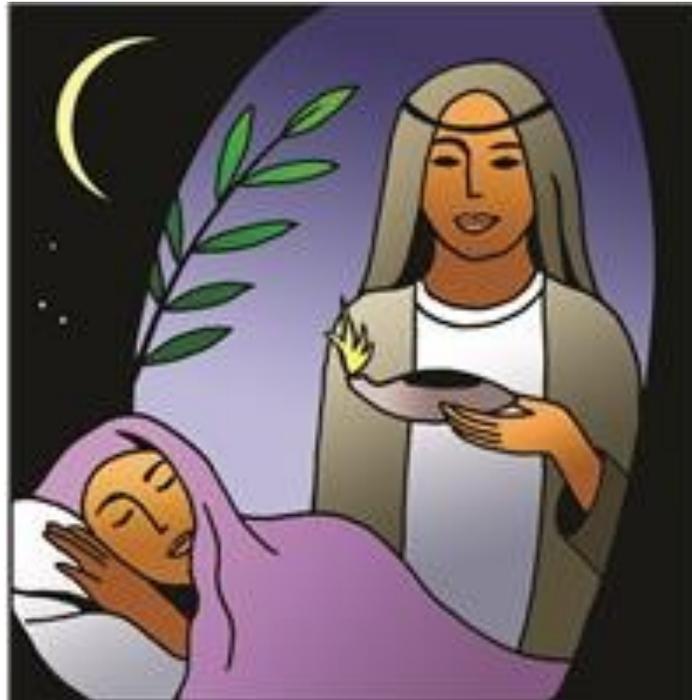


LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Creating a Community of Love
Where All Are Welcome, Especially You!*



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Sunday, November 8th, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Kate Walsh - Pastor
Mrs. Dolly Lutz - Liturgist
Mrs. Lois Dorazio - Music Director
Mrs. Barb Paxson, Mr. George Lehto, Mrs. Eleanor Gill
- Vocals
Mrs. Margaret Thomas - Organist

Video Worship Bulletin

Today's Worship Theme

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

WELCOME

Entering Into God's Presence

CALLING CHIMES



CENTERING SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

**1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with thee**

Chorus:

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worldly
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**2. King of all days, O so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor**

Sing chorus twice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together.

ALL: 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.

*GATHERING HYMN

ELW # 435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Now redemption, long expected,
Comes in solemn splendor near;
All the saints this world rejected
Thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See the day of God appear!
3. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!



Confession of Sin and Forgiveness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity † , one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

P: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: We confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

**We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. AMEN.**

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world. **AMEN.**

SONG OF PRAISE

YOURS LORD IS THE GLORY

**Yours lord is the glory and the honor as well
Yours Lord now and always Amen, Amen.**

**Yours Lord the dominions and power as well
Yours Lord now and always Amen, Amen.**

**To you I surrender my being, my life
All Lord I surrender Amen, Amen.**

**Glory in the highest and on earth as well
Glory Alleluia Amen, Amen**

**Yours lord is the glory and the honor as well
Yours Lord now and always Amen, Amen.**

God's Word for Us Today

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

LECTOR

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ^{3a}Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a coven

**The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God**

Psalm 78:1-7

We will recount to generations to come the power of the LORD. (Ps. 78:4)

- ¹Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ²**I will open my mouth in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times
- ³that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
- ⁴**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of
the LORD,**
and the wonderful works God has done.
- ⁵The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;
- ⁶**that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;**
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- ⁷so that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

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.

¹³We 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. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

AMEN

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel: 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:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But 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.’ ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON Rev. Walsh



HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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.
2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand
3. The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
A round the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!



APOSTLES CREED

ALL: 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.



We Respond in Joyful Service

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each intercessory prayer the Pastor says: "Lord, in your mercy"

And the people respond: "Your mercy is great"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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**

SHARING OUR GIFTS



*Please mail your gifts
to the church.
Attn: Fredia Radtka*

* OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: God of grace, you have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word and filled with your Spirit, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. **AMEN**

Closing Remarks

Blessing

***SENDING HYMN ELW # 638 Blessed Assurance!**

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.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain:

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain:

DISMISSAL

L: Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



As a mainline Christian denomination, our church uses the common lectionary as a source for Scripture readings each Sunday. Forty-nine, worldwide denominations and thousands of churches follow this same three-year cycle of scripture readings. Together, with these churches we also participate in celebrating the seasons of the Church Year.

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PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week

World Concerns: All those who are suffering and grieving as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and all people of color suffering under the unjust practices of racism around the world.

Immediate Health Concerns: Mitch, Ted, Phyllis H

Ongoing Health Concerns: Diane, Haley, Doris, Joe, Marion, Don, Phyllis K., Phyllis B., Dean, Ann, Robert, Leo, Jay, Virginia, Olivia-Rose, Elijah, Debbie, Tiffany, Lucas, Givhan Family, Skip, Mike, Steve, Cindy, Marie, Priscilla

Compassion Child: Marc Yvans.

Those in Active Duty Military: Julian Krusely.

Thank you for your prayers.

Please call the church office at 330 399-7227 to notify us of friends and relatives who need to be added or removed from the Prayer List or would like a visit.
For emergencies call Pastor Kate at 330 472-0228.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 15th, 2020
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

VIDEO WORSHIP on YOUTUBE
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First Reading
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm
Psalm: 123
Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel
Matthew 25:14-30

WELCA

**Today, November 15th, 2020 is
Thankoffering Sunday
for
Women of the Evangelical Church in
America
*Supporting the mission and ministries
of women in the wider church.***

**Please send your special offering to
the church and note WELCA
In the memo line. Thank you!**

CRITICAL SHORTAGE

Children's Food Pantry Lordstown Elementary School



Please drop off your
donations in our church lobby
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 10 to 1
Thank You!
Shopping lists are available
from the lobby display

ADVENT CALENDAR

Family Advent Calendars can be picked
up at any time.

They are located in the box with Bulletins
outside the church entrance door.

Altar Flowers

This weeks Altar Flowers are in
honor of Harvey and Dolly Lutz's
Anniversary
November 4, 1978



Happy Anniversary!

Please call the church office and
leave a message is you'd like to sign up for
altar flowers. The cost is ???
330-399-7227

November 2020

Social Ministry Family of the Month

This months family has two children one in Second grade and one in third Grade at Lordstown School. The Children and their Mother live with Grandma. They are financially stressed and could use some extra help. Please prayerfully consider a donation so that we can bless them with a little bit of the love of Jesus Please keep this family in your prayers



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the community through social media**

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Contributions are
received through
the church



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