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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2023

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### Hymn

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

LSB 515

- 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.  
Around 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!*

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### Stand Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

**C** *The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.*

*And you will say in that day:*

*“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.”*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;*

*let this be made known in all the earth.*

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*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.*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*Sit*

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Amos 5:18–24*

**L** A reading from Amos, the fifth chapter.

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## St. Mark's 5th-8th Grades

God is #1

### Stand Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## 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.

## 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.

## Sit Children's Message

### Hymn *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* LSB 461

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| 1 <i>I know that my Redeemer lives;<br/>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br/>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br/>He lives, my ever-living head.</i>  | 5 <i>He lives to silence all my fears;<br/>He lives to wipe away my tears;<br/>He lives to calm my troubled heart;<br/>He lives all blessings to impart.</i>                      |
| 2 <i>He lives triumphant from the grave;<br/>He lives eternally to save;<br/>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br/>He lives exalted there on high.</i>             | 6 <i>He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>He lives and loves me to the end;<br/>He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br/>He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</i> |
| 3 <i>He lives to bless me with His love;<br/>He lives to plead for me above;<br/>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>He lives to help in time of need.</i>        | 7 <i>He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>He lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>He lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>He lives to bring me safely there.</i>                 |
| 4 <i>He lives to grant me rich supply;<br/>He lives to guide me with His eye;<br/>He lives to comfort me when faint;<br/>He lives to hear my soul's complaint.</i> | 8 <i>He lives, all glory to His name!<br/>He lives, my Jesus, still the same;<br/>Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br/>I know that my Redeemer lives!</i>                   |

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## Sermon

## Offering

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## Hymn

*When Peace, like a River*

LSB 763

- 1 *When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain* *It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

- 2 *Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain*
- 3 *He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain*
- 4 *And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain*

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## Stand Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

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

## **Collect of the Day**

**L** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Collect for the Word**

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## *Saturday* **Luther's Evening Prayer**

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.**

## *Sunday* **Morning Prayer**

**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.**

**C** *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.  
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.  
Death has no more dominion over Him.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.  
Living, He lives to God.*

*Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** **Amen.**

## Hymn

### *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

LSB 919

1 *Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.*

2 *Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.*

3 *Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.*

4 *Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;*

*Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.*

5 *Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.*

6 *Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Special Prayers

Emma Ritter, Paul Wicker, Tommy Brown, Pastor Al Janneke

## Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi  
Don Ritter  
Ali Gerlach  
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Ruth Thies  
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## Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

Justin Asbury  
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## Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: [www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar](http://www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar)

- Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.
- Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News.

## Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 11/5 ..... Jeremiah 7:1-29; Matthew 23:1-12  
Monday, 11/6 ..... Jeremiah 8:18-9:12; Matthew 23:13-39  
Tuesday, 11/7 ..... Jeremiah 11:1-23; Matthew 24:1-28  
Wednesday, 11/8 ..... Jeremiah 20:1-18; Matthew 24:29-51  
Thursday, 11/9 ..... Jeremiah 22:1-23; Matthew 25:1-13  
Friday, 11/10 ..... Jeremiah 23:1-20; Matthew 25:14-30  
Saturday, 11/11 ..... Jeremiah 23:21-40; Matthew 25:31-46



## Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Public School Confirmation Classes—Sundays @ 7:00-8:15 p.m.

GriefShare—Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Men’s Musings Bible Class—Thursdays @ 6:03 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—November 9, 10 a.m.

## 2023 Lutheran Witness Renewals

It is time to renew or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The new rate is \$26.50, and the deadline is November 20. Please make sure to let us know your correct mailing address when you make payment for your new subscription. We also need to know if you wish to discontinue your subscription. We have the following subscriptions on file:

Lorene Word	Erna Edler	William Stegmann
Darl & Janet Bollman	Carolyn Fritsche	Lynn Robb
Ruth Waeltz	Leonard Lampe	Marvin & Joyce Bartens
Christa Parker	Wilbert Schnepel	

## Finance Report

<b>Weekly Contributions Budget Expectation</b>	\$ 19,566
Contributions 11/4-5	16,282
Wurstmart (approx. profit)	5,100
Vanco Giving 10/30-11/3	1,735
Venmo Giving 11/5	225
<b>Total Giving for the week</b>	<b>23,342</b>
<b>Budget Expectations overage for week</b>	<b>3,776</b>
<b>Debt Relief received to date</b>	<b>9,271</b>

## **Youth Group RaiseRight Orders**

We are beginning to take orders for gift cards. Scrip has changed their name to RaiseRight but we can still use the order forms we used last year. Look for the bright green order forms at each door. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192. We will place orders a couple of times before Christmas, but your final deadline will be December 6 to make sure we have the gift cards in time for Christmas gift exchanges.

RaiseRight is a program where you can buy gift cards for your own personal shopping and/or for your loved ones and the Youth Group receives a percentage back from each card you order. Drop your order form with payment in the offering basket or at the church office at any time. Once the order is placed, we will have the gift cards within two weeks.

## **It's Angel Tree Time!**

Our Angel Tree project is under way and the ornaments have been hung. Be sure to sign the page to note which ornaments you have taken. The deadline to turn in all gifts with their tag attached is Monday, November 27.

## **Tuition Fundraiser Sunday, November 19**

St. Paul's, Wine Hill, is having a Tuition Fundraiser on Sunday, 11/19. Soups are on the menu including—chicken and dumplings, chili, taco, potato, duck bouya, and beef vegetable. Serving begins at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or when the soup runs out. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering for the tuition of students at St. Mark's and St. John's.

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Chapel:** Join us for chapel on Wednesday at 8:25 a.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church (weather permitting).

The **PTL** will be having a meeting on Thursday, November 16th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

This past week SMLS has kicked off a new program called "**Books Are Fun**" **Book Blast**. It has been a book drive unlike any other. Stayed tuned for more exciting updates.

## School Schedule

No A.M. or P.M. bus transportation on Friday, Nov. 17.

No P.M. bus transportation on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Early out on Wednesday, November 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Weekend Break, November 23 & 24.

## Sports Schedule

### *Boys' Basketball*

Nov 14—Sparta C/B/A	Away	5:30 p.m.
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Nov 16—Chester Catholic C/A Team	Home	5:30 p.m.
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### *Girls' Basketball*

Nov 13—P-ville 204, C/B/A	Away	5:00 p.m.
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Nov 14—Chester Lutheran C/A	Home	6:00 p.m.
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Nov 18—TBA—Team Tournament	Home	TBA
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### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

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### HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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*We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*



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