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of the

# TEN VIRGINS

Faith Lutheran Church

November 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Liturgy: Common Service**

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Ann Sprengeler

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 70*

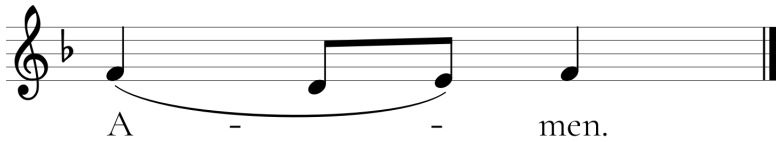
*Make haste*, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD! <sup>2</sup> Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back<sup>1</sup> and confused Who desire my hurt. <sup>3</sup> Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!" <sup>4</sup> Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" <sup>5</sup> But I *am* poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You *are* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

#200:1,2,7,8 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

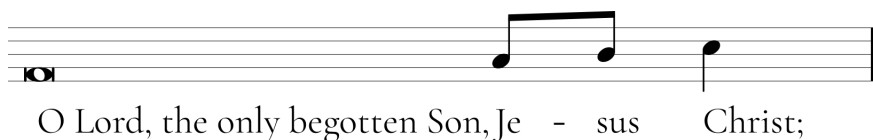
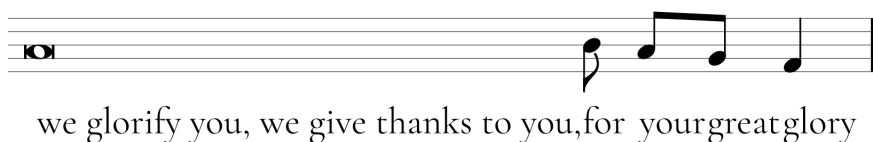
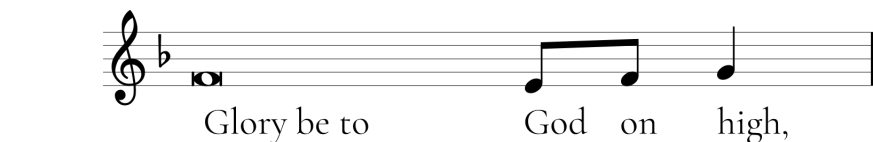
all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -  
 cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A - - - men.

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



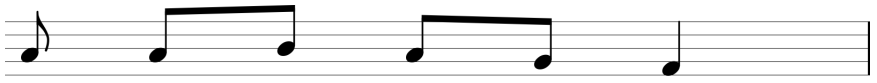
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.



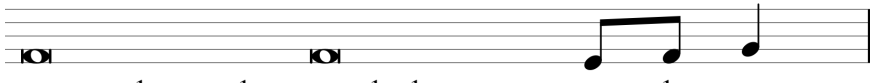
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you only are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

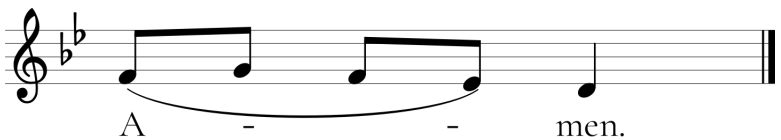


are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . 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.



## THE WORD

**Amos 5:18-24** <sup>18</sup> Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It *will be* darkness, and not light. <sup>19</sup> It *will be* as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or *as though* he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! <sup>20</sup> *Is not* the day of the LORD darkness,



and not light? *Is it not* very dark, with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup> "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Though you offer Me burnt

offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept *them*, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. <sup>23</sup> Take

away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. <sup>24</sup> But let justice

run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** <sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep,

lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will

bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus<sup>t</sup>. <sup>15</sup> For this we

say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means

precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will

descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in

Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain

shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to

meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

## #609 Wake Awake For Night Is Flying

### SERMON

**Matthew 25:1-13** "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> "Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. <sup>3</sup> "Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> "And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming'; go out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup> "Then all those virgins arose 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, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> "And while they

went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; 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 and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour<sup>t</sup> in which the Son of Man is coming.

## CHECK YOUR FAITH

When Jesus tells us to be watchful he isn't telling us to keep an eye on the sky but on our faith. He has given us robes of righteousness. We don't want to lose those robes.

He is ready who believes these words: "given for you."

(ws pg. 19)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
 Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
 take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to  
 me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**#598:1,3,8,11 Who Knows When Death**

**May Overtake Me**

## OFFERING #441:1-2

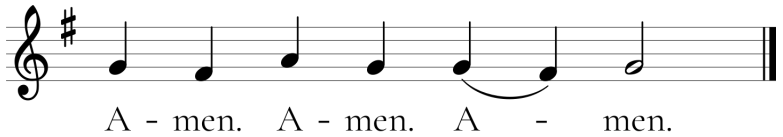
We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first fruits give!

### Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

all    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 BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**#618:1,4-6 Jerusalem My Happy Home**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, November 12**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

**Tuesday, November 14**

6:30pm Elders Meeting

7:30 pm Council Meeting

**Wednesday, November 15**

3:45pm Confirmation Class

**Sunday, November 19**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23 Thanksgiving Service

10:00 am

November 26 Christmas Eve Prac-

tice

December 6, 7pm Advent Service

December 13, 8pm Voters' Meeting

December 24, 6:30pm Christmas Eve

December 25, 10am Christmas Day

December 31, 7pm New Year's Eve

## USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn, Parker

Kohn, Tyler Denson

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 1**

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

**Next Week Team # 2**

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 121

Bible Class – 18

Sunday School - 19

## KENSLEIGH WILLIAMS

Up-date on Kensleigh Williams, 9

mo. old great-granddaughter of

Gary and Marsha Brown:

She just finished the induction

phase of 10 weeks on Chemo. She's

still taking Lovenox for 6 more

weeks for blood clots. She is off of

chemo for 2 week then on chemo for

4 weeks. She will have 8 rounds of

this . Next MRI of her bran and

spine is Nov. 20. Please keep her in

your prayers



## MISSION VIDEO

The 2023 Mission Video has been sent out by the Mission board. You can find it by searching YouTube for "2023 – CLC Board of Missions Overview." Or you can go to our website <https://markesanlutheran.com> and click on the mission video icon immediately under the banner.

## 2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online:  
[mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zeph. 1:7–16  
Psalm 90:1–12  
1 Thess. 5:1–11  
Matt. 25:14–30

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN.

Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia,

is still considering the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

## NOMINATIONS FOR PROFESSOR :

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained and has the ability to teach high school (if nominee is male or female) and college classes (if nominee is male) primarily in social studies (history/geography), elementary education methods, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2024-25 academic year. Those submitting nominations would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experi-

ence, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087;  
email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

## **ILC PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS:**

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2024. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087;  
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## Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 25:1-13

### Preservice

How often do you check your oil?

How often do you check your faith?

Which is more important your car or your salvation?

### Sermon

What does Jesus mean when he says “Watch?”

Why don't we need to watch they sky?

Why don't we need to know the day of his coming?

Why could the wise women sleep peacefully?

What is the essence of being prepared?

What has Christ given to us that we ought to hold on to?

How do we practice for his coming?

What makes us “well prepared?”



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