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* Stand as you are able

GATHERING

INVOCATION, CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.**
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN*

ELW # 441 "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

GREETING*

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

KYRIE* (ELW pg. 98-99)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen, amen

Hymn of Praise*- ELW pg. 187

This Is the Feast

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

2 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community..

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not
light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand
against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the
offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P: The Word of the Lord: C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"**
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

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.

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

L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation*(pg. 151 in your hymnal)

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:1-13

C: Glory to you O Lord.

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 young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] 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.' [10] 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. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord: C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Wake Up!"

Hymn of the Day *

ELW #244"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

The Apostle's Creed * **(**Printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

Welcome to our WTKM radio and online worshipers, Good News and Prayer Petitions

Prayers of the Church

Response P: Hear us, O God. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

Offering Hymn *

ELW #692 "We Are An Offering"

Offering Prayer *

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

Thanksgiving *

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Preface *

P: Lord, it is indeed right and our joy that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you. And so with the angels and archangels and with the church on earth and in heaven, we give glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, as we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** (pg. 144 ELW)

The Words of Institution*

The Lord's Prayer *

Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Hymn

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Communion Hymn

ELW # 759 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

SENDING

Communion Blessing *

Prayer After Communion *

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing*

Now may the God of Hope, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you strength and joy in all circumstances. **Amen**

Sending Hymn *

ELW #422 (verses 1,3,5) "For All The Saints"

Dismissal *

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today's Lector is Michelle Burton, and our usher is Donna Lee .
- Next week's Lector Tom Hostad and our ushers are Kurt and Wendy Hintz.
- Pastor will be **in the office on Thursday November 12th** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office **November 19th** from **9am-12pm.**
- Our Women's ministry will be meeting on **Monday, November 9th**, at 12pm in the Gathering Room.
- The next Church Council meeting will meet **Monday November 9th**, at 4pm.
- On **Saturday November 14** at 3pm, we will be walking the sidewalks near our church during the Christmas parade, handing out "Helping Hands" flyers with gloves and goodies for children. Join Pastor Steve on this outreach to our community!
- Please note the **office will be closed November 24th- 27th**.

Ministry Partners

- Special Giving for October is **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County**
- Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday, November 28th**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS IN THE GATHERING ROOM