

# Saints Triumphant

Sunday, November 15, 2020

♪ denotes singing in the 10:30 service

## DIVINE SERVICE I

### HYMN #220 “O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking”

♪ O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.  
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch and pray.  
'Tis your Savior, 'tis your Savior, On his bright returning way.

♪ Come, O Long-Expected; weary Waits my spirit anxiously.  
Life is dark and earth is dreary Where your light I cannot see.  
O my Savior, O my Savior, When will you return to me?

♪ Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.  
Keep me in my humble station, Watching for you till I stand,  
O my Savior, O my Savior, In your bright, your promised, land,

♪ With my lamp well-trimmed and burning, Swift to hear and slow to stray,  
Watching for your glad returning, Waiting for the blessed day.  
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior, O my Savior, quickly come!

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: 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.

**C:** **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 MERCY**

**C:**   ♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

**M:**   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.

**C:**   **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:**   In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **GLORY TO GOD**

**C:**   **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory! Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:**   The Lord be with you.

**C:**   **And also with you.**

**M:**   Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**   **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 52: 1-6:** Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. For this is what the LORD says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.” For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. “And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

## PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 84

♪ **Refrain:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,\* O Lord Almighty!  
My soul yearns, even faints,\* for the courts of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;\* they are ever praising you.

♪ **Refrain:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Better is one day in your courts\* than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God\*  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O Lord Almighty,\* blessed are they who trust in you.

♪ 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.

♪ **Refrain:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

## SECOND LESSON

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead

in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 25:1-13:** “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C:** **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.**

*BE SEATED*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #206 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”**

♪ "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying,  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are all you virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes—awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!  
With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom who is near."

♪ Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom, For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.  
"Now come, O Blessed One, Christ Jesus, God's own Son. Hail! Hosanna!  
The joyful call We answer all And follow to the wedding hall."

♪ Now let all the heav'ns adore you; Let saints and angels sing before you  
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal, We gather round your radiant throne.  
No vision ever brought, No ear has ever caught Such great glory;  
Therefore will we In victory Sing hymns of praise eternally.

## **SERMON - Matthew 25:1-13**

“Is there oil in your lamp?”

*STAND*

**C:**   ♪ **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**     *(Please remain standing)*

## **OFFERING**

*(We will not pass a plate but one will be available on the table as you leave church.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## 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.

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN #550 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

♪ Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright;  
With palms they stand. Who is this band Before the throne of light?  
These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and blame.  
Now gathered in the holy place, Their voices they in worship raise.  
Their anthems swell Where God does dwell Mid angels' songs of praise.

♪ Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!  
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.  
So oft in troubled days gone by, In anguish they would weep and sigh;  
At home above The God of love Fore'er their tears shall dry.  
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;  
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

♪ O blessed saints, now take your rest; A thousand times you will be blessed  
For keeping faith Firm unto death And scorning worldly trust.  
For now you live at home with God; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad.  
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.  
The myriad angels raise the song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!  
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song.

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## **HYMN #214 “Jerusalem the Golden”**

♪ Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—The sight of it refreshes  
The weary and oppressed. I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.

♪ They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song And bright with many an angel  
And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.

♪ There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.

♪ Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country  
That eager hearts expect! Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;  
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.

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To Pastor and Jennifer:

From all of us members at Christ Lutheran Church, both past and present, while we are saddened to be saying goodbye to you today after 22 years of faithful ministry, we are comforted in knowing that our Lord and Savior has called you on this path He chose for you. There is no way to put into words how much we appreciate all you have done here at Christ over the years. Whether for baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals or during difficult times in our lives, you have always been there to comfort and guide us in the Word of God. The Almighty Lord surely has blessed you with the gifts which you have faithfully shared with our congregation. So as the final hymn comes to a close, you can depart knowing that you will forever be a part of our church family. We wish you both the Lord's Blessings in this next chapter of your lives.

With Love,

Your family at Christ Lutheran

**Pastoral Act:** *Funeral:* A Christian funeral and burial was held on Tuesday, November 10th for Elmer “Spike” Ufkin. God called him home on November 5, 2020 at the age of 98. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

**"Farewell Sunday" Drive By:** A reminder of the "Drive By Farewell" event for Pastor and Jennifer that will be held at the Samuel Lutheran parking lot today from 1:00-2:00 PM. We plan to have Pastor and Jennifer hand out farewell cupcakes while saying their goodbyes to all that are able to attend. We will also have a station that you can drop cards/gifts for the Schreiners as you drive up.

**Call Meeting:** We will meet to call a new pastor on Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 AM. As a reminder, only voting members that are **present** are able to cast votes for a candidate, however we encourage all members to attend.

**Vacancy:** Pastor Johann Caauwe will be serving as our vacancy pastor. He serves at St. John's, Wood Lake. If you need to contact him please call 507-828-5136 or email him at [pastor@stjohnswoodlake.com](mailto:pastor@stjohnswoodlake.com).

**One Service:** Beginning next Sunday, November 22 will have only one service on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM. This is a blessing as it means we will be able to continue our live radio broadcast as well as our YouTube broadcast. The downside is that one service very much limits attendance numbers. We will still be limiting attendance to 75 people at a service. It is now **imperative** that you sign up and sign up early if you are going to attend in person worship. You can do this by going on the website and signing up as in the past. If you can't do that you can call the church office 532-2162 to register. This has to be done by Friday noon. (If you are calling in to register please do so Monday – Friday in the morning when the secretary is in the office.) We want to stress, once again, that you need to register by Saturday noon at the latest. Please don't try and register on Sunday morning.

**CLYF:** Attention youth and parents – we will bag and tag the Christmas greenery on Friday, November 20th at the parsonage garage. Any help would be appreciated.

**Thanksgiving:** A reminder we will only have one Thanksgiving service this year on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 PM. You will need to register for that service just like you do for a Sunday service on our website. The sign up will be available next week.

**Offering:** Just a reminder that we will not be passing the offering plate. You can leave your offering in the plate on the table as you leave church.

**Take Home:** Be sure you take your service folder home with you, to recycle. Please do not leave it in church.