
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2020 - Time after Pentecost

“Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”

[Matthew 25:6]



WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE

Flourish

Wilbur Held

BELL

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity one God:
the Father, dwelling in light;
Christ Jesus, come to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, living within us. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every person who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, you are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We live in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

Stand facing the cross.

GATHERING SONG O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

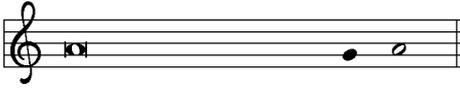
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



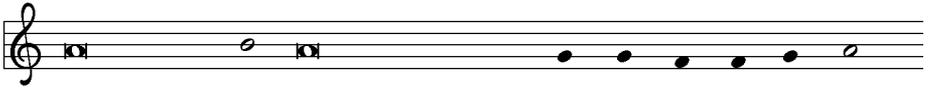
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE Sing Out, Earth and Skies Marty Haugen

*Come, O God of all the earth;
 come to us, O Righteous One.
Come and bring our love to birth;
 in the glory of your Son.*

Chorus:

**Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you.**

Raise your joyful cries,

Dance to the life around you.

*Come, O God of wind and flame;
 fill the earth with righteousness.*

*Teach us all to sing your name;
 may our lives your love confess. (Chorus)*

*Come, O God of flashing light;
 twinkling star and burning sun.
God of day and God of night;
 in your light we all are one. (Chorus)*

*Come, O God of snow and rain;
 shower down upon the earth.
Come, O God of joy and pain;
 God of sorrow, God of mirth. (Chorus)*

*Come, O Justice, come, O Peace;
 come and shape our hearts anew.
Come and make oppression cease;
 bring us all to life in you. (Chorus)*

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.**

Let justice roll down like waters

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as 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.

²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even 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.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

You are my helper and my deliverer

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

³Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

Stand as you are able

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Wise and foolish bridesmaids

[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."

A The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SERMON

Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying ELW 436



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kelland Kloss & Anna Boucher

P Do you desire to make public affirmation of your baptism and join this community of faith? If so, answer “We do.” **We do.** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Kelland & Anna, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

C **We will.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **We renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support Kelland & Anna and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION [Celebrate Insert]

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

PEACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, with thanksgiving and unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise your glory for ever:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stand as you are able

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

**Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the
least of your beloved children, and give us glad and
generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

SENDING PRAYERS

We thank you, living God for your Son, who sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. **As Christ has loved us, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.**

Finally, let us pray:

For all who have contracted coronavirus

and for those who are particularly vulnerable,

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

For families who are facing difficult decisions between
food on the table or public safety,

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

For those who are afraid to access care due to

immigration status,

For public officials and decisionmakers,

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Grant wisdom. Grant enough. May we, your Church, be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG O God, Beyond All Praising

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

DISMISSAL

Led by the Saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O God, Beyond All Praising

Matthew Cully



Holiday Share and Toy Drive Campaign

Our Holiday Share Toy Drive has been bringing the magic of the holidays to vulnerable children and families in North Marin for 48 years. This treasured program serves families facing financial hardship during the holiday season.

You can help by volunteering or supporting a family in need.

How to volunteer: Volunteers are needed to help distribute gifts to families in need on December 19, and help us prepare for the event on December 18.

How to support a family:

We will collect the bears or cards on Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th at the church between 10am-12pm

Purchase a toy: Learn about the 200 families we are serving this year, and [click here to shop for a family in need](#).

Purchase a gift card: We're collecting Target gift cards at \$50 and \$25 values for our teen clients.

Purchase a teddy bear: We expect to need 400 new teddy bears/stuffed animals. The children truly appreciate having a new, larger sized, stuffed animal to cuddle, particularly during times of stress.

Please drop off or ship all toys and stuffed animals to NMCS anytime between December 11 and December 17.

Monetary donations and gift cards can be sent to NMCS at the address below, or donate online at www.northmarincs.org.

[Click here to enjoy our one-minute video](#) of last year's event, and see the joy it brings to children and families in our community!



Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

North Marin Community Services (NMCS) is an established nonprofit organization that serves more than 8,300 people in need each year. Learn more at www.northmarincs.org.

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