



24th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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November 12, 2023 9:15am

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose bounty abolishes need:

L: Oh God, in fear we grumble in our time of need,

C: But your abundance and provision are sure.

L: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

C: But your abundance is limitless and without end.

L: Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

C: But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.

L: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

C: But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.

L: Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

C: But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.

L: Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

C: But your abundance fills us to overflowing.

L: Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

C: But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.

L: Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

C: But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.

L: Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

C: But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.

L: Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

C: But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.

GATHERING SONGS: **“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

CCLI #4768151 Words and music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio; 2006 Rising Springs Music, Vamos Publishing

“You Are My All In All”

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel. Lord, to give up
I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry,
You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

CCLI #825356, words and music by Dennis Jernigan, 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.

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.**

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.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24 *Let justice roll down like waters*

PSALM: Psalm 70 [read responsively by half verse, congregation read bolded]

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me

turn back because of their shame.

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

let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”

⁵But 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.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *The promise of the resurrection*

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13 *The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

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HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"** *Ingathering of 2024 contributions*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; give me oil in my lamp, I pray

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; keep me burning till the break of day.

Chorus: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising; give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising; keep me praising till the break of day.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting; give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting; keep me resting till the break of day.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving; give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving; keep me serving till the break of day.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

family of Pam Landheer

Tim Schmidt

Hazel Barloon

Chris McCormick

Jennie Spencer

Liam Bartleson

family of Anna Marie Mitchell

Marie Thayer

Danny Buckman

Kris Monson

Ernie Uetz

Hayden Despenas

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Parker Farland

Connie Nyhus

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Joyce Kasper

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **"As Saints of Old"**

#695 (vs. 1-2)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of all goodness,

C: generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self

**and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS: **"Days of Elijah"**

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

chorus

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word.

bridge

*There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah.*

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"Remember and Rejoice"

#454

"Jesus Loves Me!"

#595

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **"This Little Light of Mine"**

#677

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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