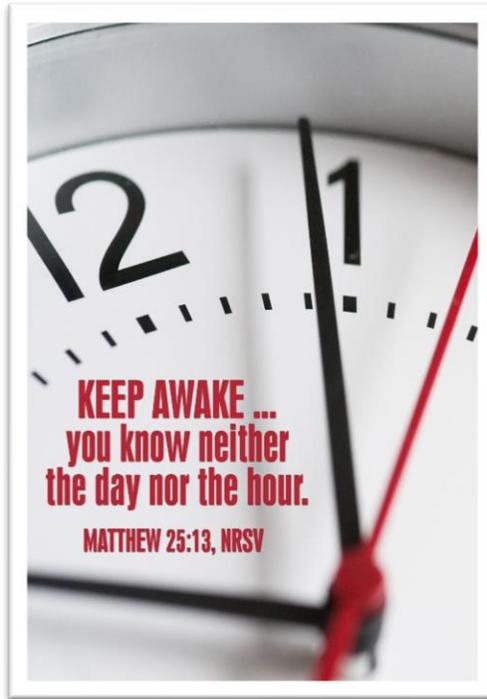


**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Sunday, November 8, 2020  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**



**Call to Worship**

A: We cry aloud to God, that he may hear us.

**C: In the day of our troubles we seek the Lord; in the night, our hands are stretched out without wearying; our souls refuse to be comforted.**

A: We think of God, and we moan; we meditate, and our spirit faints.

**C: You keep our eyelids from closing; we are so troubled that we cannot speak. We consider the days of old, and remember the years of long ago.**

A: We will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

**C: Your way, O God, is holy. You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

**Opening Music: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMBRLq0-y9Q>

## Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presences of God and of one another:

*Silence for reflection*

L: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our heart to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

L: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through +Jesus we are forgiven, by Jesus we are welcome, in Jesus we are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**C: Amen.**

## Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen and Amen!**

**Music of Praise –O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Grace Community Church - Sun Valley, California

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKP\\_XxCBDZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKP_XxCBDZY)

### **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.

### **The Word**

**First Reading – Amos 5:18-24**

[https://youtu.be/703D91\\_zqAM](https://youtu.be/703D91_zqAM)

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup>**Let 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.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say, “Aha, Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**

<sup>5</sup>**But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!**

### **Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>But 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.

<sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but

the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>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.' <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message – Tim Leitner, SAM**

<https://youtu.be/L7EzLUyQOHw>

**Music of the Day – Lift Every Voice and Sing**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQHHLqTgnA>

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,  
on the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: 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.

*A brief silence.*

L: 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.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: 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.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: 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.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Holy Protector, be with all observing Veteran's 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.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: 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.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Offering/Offertory Prayer**

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks your rich blessings, that we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

## **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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessings of God,  
Sovereign, +Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Music – Let Us Build a House**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKJgcv8SdnQ>

## Dismissal

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

