

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

### Welcome and Announcements

*We will be celebrating Communion during worship this morning. All are welcome! You will need to provide your own elements of bread and wine or juice for Holy Communion.*

### Call to Worship (Adaptation of Psalm 70 for Confession and Forgiveness)

P) We gather in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C) Amen**

P) The days in which we live are filled with anxiety; there is much that leads to fear and anger.

**C) Be pleased, O God, to deliver us; O LORD, make haste to help us.**

P) We confess that we give in to the anxiety around us and in us.

**C) Too often it leads to harsh words made from judgement that hurts our neighbors and ourselves.**

P) We confess that we speak and act too often without regard for others.

**C) We have sinned against you, O God, in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P) Be pleased, O God to deliver us; O LORD, make haste to help us.

**C) For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P) Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into new life again this day.

**C) Be pleased, O God, to deliver us; O LORD, make haste to help us.**

P) God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and has made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C) Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!" Amen**

### Prayer of the Day

P) The Lord be with you.

**C) And also with you.**

P) O God of justice and love,

**C) 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

After each reading –

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **Amos 5: 18-24**

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

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.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

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.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### **1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Gospel Reading

After reading – Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

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

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 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." 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## Sermon

## Song Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

## **Affirmation of Faith**    "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 the People**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord with you.

**C) And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C) We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C) Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

### **Words of Institution**

Lord remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**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**

## **Distribution of Communion**

### **After Communion Blessing and Prayer**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

### **C) Amen**

Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

## **Benediction**

### **Sending**

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!!**

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