



LORD OF LIFE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOR EVERY SIGN OF LOVE  
IN JESUS CHRIST!*

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 8, 2020



**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”**

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**Opening Song Gathering In Spirit & Grace “Give Me Jesus”**

*J. Camp*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

vs. 1 In the morning, when I rise, In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise, Give me Jesus

ref: Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus

vs. 2 When I am alone, When I am alone  
Oh, when I am alone, Give me Jesus *(refrain)*

*ending* Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world, You can have all this world  
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus

**Litany Giving Thanks to God for Every Sign of Love, Psalm 145**

Pastor: Today we celebrate and give thanks, Jesus is with us in the morning, when we rise, whenever we feel alone, and makes us ready for every sign of love and grace, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to be ready, to put our trust alone in our faithful God. *(silence for reflection)*  
Friends in Christ, be ready every day, always, to receive God’s grace in these words:  
Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. The Lord has all things ready, he makes you ready, he is good to all, his compassion makes you new and clean. Believe anew! Come you, thankful people, come, to the One who makes ready every sign of love!

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: Loving God, today we give thanks you bless us with every good gift sent from heaven above. By your Spirit, keep us strong and faithful, ready to see you, ready to answer you, to call on you, and to praise you always. May we trust anew this Thanksgiving season; you are ready to provide us with every sign of love, granting us all we need, as we serve and glorify you alone. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

## Hearing The Word of God

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

**(all read bold print)**

*Jesus said,* “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. (New Revised Standard Version)

**“Jesus Loves Me”** (*Sung by Worship Leaders*) & **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**“Thanks Be to God; All Made Ready!”**

**Pastor Jamie Thompson**

**Song of Abundant Grace**      **“Come, You Thankful People, Come”**

(*Sung by Worship Leaders*)

- vs. 1      Come, you thankful people, come;  
            Raise the song of harvest home.  
            All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin.  
            God, our maker, does provide, For our wants to be supplied.  
            Come to God’s own temple, come,  
            Raise the song of harvest home.
- vs. 4      Even so, Lord, quickly come, To your final harvest home.  
            Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
            There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
            Come, with all your angels, come,  
            Raise the glorious harvest home!

## Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

**All:      Thanks be to you, God, for every sign of your love and grace.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:      Amen.**

## **We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion**

### **The Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

### **Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, as you give thanks for every sign of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ! In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, giving thanks for every sign of love, together serving The Lord of life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Going Anew in Grace & Hope**

### **"It Is Well"**

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

Grander earth has quaked before  
Moved by the sound of His voice  
Seas that are shaken and stirred  
Can be calmed and broken for my regard  
Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You,  
And it is well with me.

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

So let go my soul and trust in Him.  
The waves and wind still know His name.  
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Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You.  
Through it all, through it all, it is well,  
Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You,  
And it is well with me.

**Songs During Holy Communion      “People Get Ready”**

*Mayfield*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

- vs. 1    People get ready, there’s a train a-comin’  
You don’t need no baggage, you just get on board  
All you need is faith, to hear the diesels hummin’  
You don’t need no ticket; you just thank the Lord.
- vs. 2    So people get ready for the train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers coast to coast  
Faith is the key, open the doors and board them  
There’s hope for all among those loved the most
- ref:    Thank the Lord, thank the Lord, thank the Lord, ooh (*repeat*)
- vs. 3    There ain’t no room, for the hopeless sinner  
Who would hurt all mankind, just to save his own  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner  
For there’s no hiding place against the Kingdom’s throne
- ending: Thank the Lord, thank the Lord, Thank the Lord, thank the Lord (*repeat 2x*)

**“Hold Us Together”**

*M. Maher*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

- ref:    And love will hold us together,  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I’ll be my brother’s keeper,  
So the whole world will know that we’re not alone
- vs.    It’s waiting for you, knocking at your door  
In the moment of truth  
When your heart hits the floor  
And you’re on your knees (*refrain*)
- bridge    This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
‘Cause even in the dark you can still see the light  
It’s gonna be all right, it’s gonna be all right (*refrain*)

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*Join us next Sunday, November 15, as we share and celebrate  
the season of thanksgiving,  
“Thanks Be to God for Every Sign of Love, Even When Risky!”  
Worship to include a Children’s Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!  
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist  
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,  
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!  
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to  
God’s table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you  
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings  
of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab  
to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab  
to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!*

*Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!*

*For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!  
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.  
For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the SignUpGenius links  
in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through  
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,  
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to  
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible  
to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed  
to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

*On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!*

*A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!*

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days,  
days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet,  
still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!  
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: [jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org](mailto:jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org)*

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God’s people and to be God’s Church,  
as together we make known and we trust anew  
God’s gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways  
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every sign of God’s love and grace!*

**“THANKS BE TO GOD, ALL MADE READY” - NOVEMBER 8, 2020**  
**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**WISDOM OF SOLOMON 6:12-16; I THESS. 4:13-18; MATT. 25:1-13**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Much of what we experience, we try to get ready for. Surprises come our way, yet, we try to at least get ready for the expected, such as school assignments, appointments, work schedules, important calendar events. Jesus reminds us we are to be ready for him. As Christians, we know The Bridegroom is coming. Jesus comes to us through his signs of love, and through his faithful presence. Jesus tells us we do not know when or where he will come, only that he will. His presence may surprise us; the fact that he is present should never catch us off guard. As we hear in his parable today, Jesus invites us to be ready to see and to answer to and to call upon every sign of love, signs of light, wisdom, goodness and grace. Are we ready? In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the good news is Jesus is ready, he is ready for our sake. Thanks be to God, Jesus gets us ready, ready for every sign of love!**

1. Be ready for every sign of love, for God's goodness and grace to bless you with "defining moments!" Matthew 25:1,10
  - A. God is with us, blessing us, in the events and experiences that impact and shape our lives. You will not want to miss them.
  - B. Be ready to have your life defined by Christ! Thanks be to God!
  
2. Be ready for every sign of love, for God's goodness and grace to call you into action! Matthew 25:8
  - A. There are times to watch, to learn, to let others do, and there are times to be ready to act.
  - B. What are you ready to do? Do you trust God is ready to help? Thanks be to God, God is counting on you!
  
3. Be ready for every sign of love, for God's wisdom and goodness and grace to break forth, to lead you, to speak to you, and to listen to you! The Wisdom Of Solomon 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:18
  - A. When you are ready to pray, God is ready to listen.
  - B. When you are ready for wisdom and direction, God is ready to lead you.
  - C. When you are not sure if you're ready to pray, how to ask, or where to start, thanks be to God, God will be ready to speak.

4. We cannot be ready for all of life's changes! 1 Thessalonians 4:18
  - A. We are not always ready for how life can change in an instant.
  - B. Thanks be to God, God's goodness and grace in Jesus, the Perfect Sign of Love, is ready to give us faith, make us ready in case life changes, change our lives and hearts along the way!
  
5. Thanks be to God, Jesus is ready for anything! God's goodness and grace are ready for us in every sign of love. When we need God most, God will not be somewhere else, doing something else. Let us indeed be ready for Jesus in every way, for Jesus is ready and waiting for us! 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Matthew 25:10-11

*Today's service includes the song,  
"People Get Ready" by Mayfield*