

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Paul Manz

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Holy One, 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 hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

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

Amen.

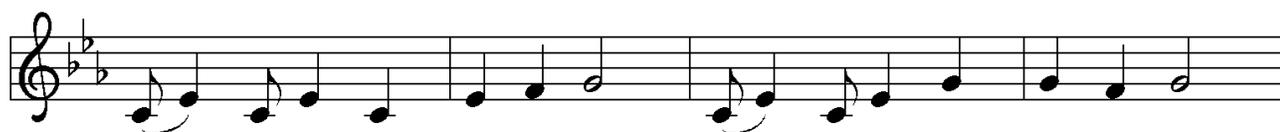
GREETING

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

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...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.

Word

Reading

Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Reader/ A reading from Amos.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO
Scott Houldin, tenor

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing
J. S. Bach

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “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.”

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

HYMN # 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you without leaving your pew.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry which has allowed us to continue giving to organizations like Caring for Friends and Bear Creek Camp. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.



Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/cracker and wine/grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

DIALOG

The Lord 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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Communion

The left side will commune first, at the ushers' instruction followed by the right. Please take a prefilled cup from the tray in the aisle. The pastor will place a wafer in your hands. Please consume the elements only once you have returned to your pew. You may put your empty cup in the recycling bin when you exit the sanctuary.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary in G

Henry Smart

Saint Paul's Weekly Calendar

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

Confirmation Class- Zoom Meeting, 6:00 pm

- **11/9 Finance Committee meeting-** Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
NA Meeting-Fellowship Hall, 8:00 pm
- **11/11 Church Council-** Zoom meeting, 7:15 pm
Evening Christian Fellowship- Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
- **11/12 Women's Christian Fellowship-** Zoom meeting, 1:00 pm
- **11/14 Rick Sander funeral service-** 10:00 am
Community Health Zoom call, 10:00 am
- **11/15 Holy Communion,** 10:00 am

Thrivent Caring for Friends 100 Dinner Challenge

Join our Thrivent Action Team to cook 100 meals for Caring for Friends. Share a recipe and share the meal to meet the 100-meal challenge. Each week we will feature one recipe in the announcements and the challenge meal count. Contact Joy Baxter (joybaxter@gmail.com or 610-789-2408) or Jody Betz (alfabetz@msn.com) to get the Thrivent Card to purchase food.

Share the recipe, pix, and number of meals with Jody Betz and Lisa Lexa. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our local homebound.

Meal Update: 31

This week's recipe: Everyday meatloaf

Submitted by Lynda McNab

(copies in the narthex)

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

Save the Date

St. Paul's Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Community Health Zoom Presentation

The call will include education regarding food insecurity in the senior population. Tips on navigating healthcare system if admitted or procedure. Stress, negative and positive behaviors identified in Ardmore Community assessment, coping, and resources.

The presentation will be Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 am. Zoom information will be in this week's announcement email. Presented by parishioner Betsy Williams.

Thanksgiving plans changed?

Are you interested in:

--a dish-swap at St. Paul's? People could bring pre-portioned dishes to St. Paul's to share, and everyone could take home a little bit of everything.

--Zoom check-ins throughout Thanksgiving day? If you're unable to be in-person with family and friends, we can still check in together digitally.

Please let the office know if you're interested in either idea, as we make plans for how to support our members this holiday!

Caring for Friends

Missing the large family gathering around the table for turkey this year? Instead of sharing your holiday dinner with family, share it with your homebound neighbors. Grab a huge turkey, make big batches of sides, and pack up the leftovers for the CFF freezer. Five tray packs are in the narthex and additional supplies in the shed. Thanks for your kindness and compassion.

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Virtual Thanksgiving Eve service

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm

Join us for this virtual service via Facebook or YouTube.

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Dan Joseph, Tom Keyser, Beth Kramer (niece of Barbara Dieter); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Lisa McCabe, Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissing); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Fin Parker.

(Please notify the church office to add a name to the prayer list.)



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