

Grow ... Go ... Gather
November 8, 2020



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(LCMS)**

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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

(Please turn off your wifi)

The Pre-Service Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

(Please wear your mask when singing)

The Opening Hymn: "God so Loved the World" (We the Kingdom)

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

***For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever***

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

***For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world***

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love **(2Xs)**

Chorus 2

***For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world***

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world.

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The Versicles *LSB 235*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth shall declare Your
praise.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be forever. Amen.**

Psalmody and Venite *LSB 235 - LSB 236*

P The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.
Alleluia.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**



C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



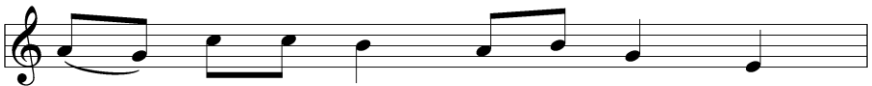
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.



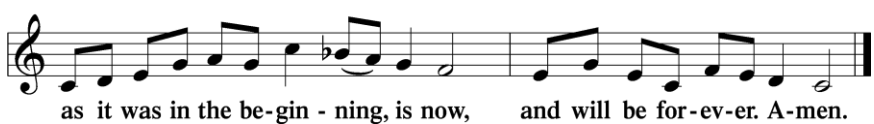
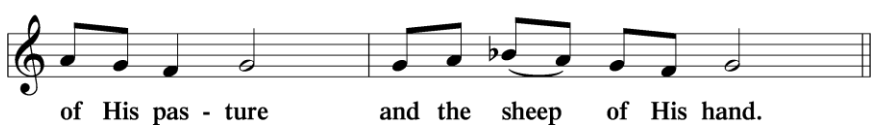
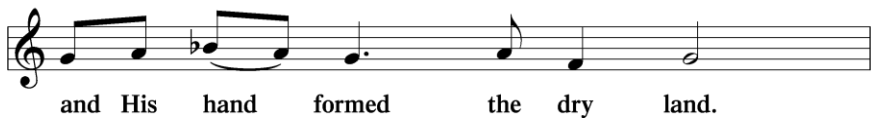
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



P The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.
Alleluia.

C O come, let us worship Him.

The Old Testament Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

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

and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, 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 peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A Song: LSB 516, "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing." The watch - men on the heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise? The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."

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The Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, 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 fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A Song: LSB 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
5 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there
6 O Christ, do Thou my soul pre - pare

When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
A - round my Sav - ior stand; And soon my friends in
For that bright home of love That I may see Thee

have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.
and a - dore With all Thy saints a - bove.

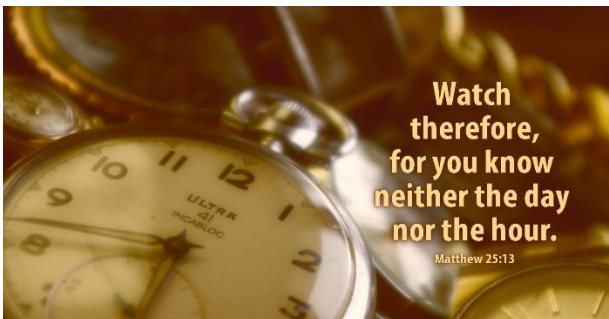
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The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

☐ In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

☑ **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**



A Sermon Hymn: LSB 515, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



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'ings 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 night.
 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!

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The Sermon

The Post-Sermon Hymn: LSB 680, "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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The Offering Prayer

The General Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

A Song: "His Mercy is More" (Boswell and Papa)

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

Chorus

***Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

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The Benediction *LSB 242*

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 474 "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent; Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: November 8th – 15th, 2020

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook Live
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **November 15**
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service
with Holy Communion
- Wed.:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Darrell
12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor Schaeffer on
Facebook
- Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Adult Bells
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
- Friday:** 12:00 Noon Registration closes for phone-in
Worship registration.
- Saturday** 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Registration for Worship
is closed
- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship at St.
James (for registered members) and on
Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Today's Deacon: Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim and Nancy Spears

November Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennifer
Schmidt



Pastor and Sandra will be
leaving for vacation on **Tuesday,**
November 10th and coming back
home **Monday, November 23rd.**

If you are in need of pastoral care
during this time, please contact one of our Deacons:

Craig Popma 616-531-6481

Bryan Ensing 616-589-6925

Jerry Talen 616-826-9864

John Weiss 616-773-0805

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (November 1, 2020)

General Fund	\$5,980.00
Future Building Expansion	250.00
Plate Collection	2,886.00
Roof Repair Fund	125.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	5.00
<u>Memorial (Ardis)</u>	<u>125.00</u>
Total:	\$9,371.00



ISJ ACADEMY is having a **WREATH SALE** ending **November 11th**. All the proceeds will go to new classroom furniture. The undecorated wreaths are 22" at

\$24 each. Decorated wreaths are also 22" and \$33 each. A 21" swag is available for \$19.

Student from ISJ Academy will be on hand after the worship service **TODAY** to take your orders. You will find them outside the main entryway.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: November 8

"Maybe you enjoy showing hospitality to others, whether at home or as part of a joint effort at church. Perhaps you invite people who are lonely or people who are hungry or homeless or far away from home. Perhaps you are reaching out to refugees or to international students. Perhaps you take a casserole to a family with a new baby or buy toothpaste and toilet paper for the local homeless shelter. If so, you are showing hospitality to Jesus. What an honor to be able to do so!"

Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from

Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org



Dear friends in Christ,



I want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and especially the prayers while I've been going through this illness...surgery. It was hard for a while, but I am doing much better now, thanks to God for always being here for me.

Love to all of you in Christ's name.

Sally TerMeer

REMINDER: When you are finished worshipping, please lower the kneeler in your pew. Thank you.

To register for worship, please go to:

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. **Worship Service – November 15, 9:30 am**
3. Click on the green “register” box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange “register” box.

Enter **your first name** and **ALL** the **first names** of those attending with you in the “first name” box.

Enter **only one last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address.**

6. Click on the orange “register” box.
7. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.

ISJ ACADEMY Service Project:

The month of November is one where we are asked to give thanks for the many blessings through the year. For some of us, this year may be a little harder to reflect on the good that has happened. ISJ encourages you to take the time with your families this month and pull out the blessings from the challenges. Did you spend more quality time with your family? Did you have more creative and fun family dinners because grocery visits were stretched out? Did you experience decreased stress about having a clean house because you were having less visitors? Did you get to “visit” with family members through zoom or facetime that you haven’t seen for a while? When times are tough we can reflect on the fact that, “God is faithful, He will never give you more than you can handle.” based on 1 Corinthians 10:13. Amen to that! Many of us have endured a lot this year but God is faithful and good. We are back to in-person learning and have not been impacted as so many schools have been.

The teachers picked the theme this year to be “Sent to Serve” from Matthew 20:28. By being together this year, God is giving us the opportunity to proclaim His love and faithfulness onto others. **Will you join us this month in “serving others” by collecting food items for North East Community Ministries (NECM).** These items will be boxed and distributed by ISJ Academy to families in need so that they may enjoy the holiday season with their families. On the days the students will be collecting items, Mr. Alexander will also have a fun activity planned for the day. Below you will find the dates and items to be collected:

Friday, November 6th: Canned goods (vegetables, fruit, gravy, cranberry sauce, etc.)

Wednesday, November 11th: Boxed goods (pasta, potatoes, cereal, etc.)

Thursday, November 19th: Penny Wars...(Bring your coins and bills!! We will have a competition between classrooms to see who can collect the most money to go towards purchasing hams, butter, milk and eggs for NECM to finish the boxes.)

Our prayer for the members of St. James is continued health and safety. May you always find the blessings in these uncertain times.

Jason Alexander, ISJ principal

If you would like to help ISJ collect food items, please drop your contribution off at the table by the church office ANYTIME through November 19th. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the school at; 2066 Oakwood Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.