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**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**

Service of Prayer and Preaching (p. 260)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, and Welcome

Hymn: 802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Opening Versicles

LSB 260

The First Song of Isaiah (Sung by choir and congregation – see insert)

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 70

L A reading from Psalm, the seventieth chapter.

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! ²Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt! ³Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!" ⁴May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" ⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Song: "As the Deer"

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything (Chorus)

Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye (Chorus)

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The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But 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. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 516 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five

were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responary

LSB 263

Ten Commandments

Hymn: 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

The Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

Offering (We will sing 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray")

The General Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: Hymn of Heaven (Wickham)

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day

When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears (Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that Day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

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Collect for the Word & Luther's Morning Prayer

LSB 265

Blessing

Hymn: 937 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

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This Week at St. James

Today (11/12) Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM
F.I.F Meeting -11:00 AM

Monday (11/13) **Communion Service** – 6:30 PM

Tuesday (11/14) ISJ Focus Group – 5:00 PM
ISJ Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

Wednesday (11/15) Darrell Bible Study – 10:00 AM

Thursday (11/16) Adult Bells – 6:00 PM
Adult Choir – 7:15 PM

Saturday (11/18) Pastor’s Day Off – 8:30 AM

Sunday (11/19)..... Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Communion Service - 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM
Church Worker Conference -5:00 PM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (11/12)

Officiant Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector..... Cindy McAuliffe
Organist..... Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Dave Hood
Ushers..... Dale & Grace Rosema
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
November Altar Guild..... Butler Family
KidzTime Sandra Schaeffer

Serving Next Sunday (11/19)

Lector.....	Craig Popma
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s)	Bryan Ensing / Craig Popma
Ushers.....	Jim & Nancy Spears
Video/Sound/Recording.....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
November Altar Guild.....	Butler Family
KidzTime	Spot Open

Financial Discipleship: November 5 & 6, 2023

General Fund	\$7,747.60
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$1,978.60)</i>	
Tuition Fund	\$200.00
Memorials	\$75.00
<u>Tessaro Ministry (Nigeria Mission)</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
TOTAL Contributions	\$8,067.60

Announcements

Sign-ups: The Usher sign-ups are on the table outside the church office in the lobby. Please prayerfully consider serving the church in this way. We are always in need of volunteers.

Focus Group for ISJ: ISJ Academy is conducting a focus group on November 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the gathering room. We invite anyone to come out and join in a discussion about ISJ. If you are a parent of a current student or a relative of a former student (or former student), we want to hear from you! If you are someone who is interested and committed to the ministry of ISJ Academy, we want to hear from you. Light refreshments will be provided. Please use the QR code to RSVP.



Newsletter: Paper copies of the newsletter are available on the table in the lobby.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: A reminder that our Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday November 22, 2023 starting at 6:30pm.