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**Pentecost 23**

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The Bridegroom  
comes,  
*awake!*

Your lamps  
with gladness take!

*Hallelujah!*



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Psalm 70*

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

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING RESPONSIVE PRAYER

*Ps. 84:1, 9-12*

- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- C** **How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts.**
- P** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!
- C** **For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**
- P** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- C** **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- P** O LORD of Hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!
- 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.**
- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of Hosts, my King and my God. Amen.

**HYMN: TLH #67:1,2,6** "The Bridegroom Soon..." *Tune: TLH #160*

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **♩ A - - - men.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C** *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C** *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** *♩* **A - - - men.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for Glory to the Father*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 25:13

Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.  
Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**P** Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **A - - - men.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – 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, <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup> "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**EPISTLE READING – 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. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**P** This is the Word of the LORD.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: TLH #604 "Great God, What do I See and Hear?"**

**SERMON – Matthew 25:1-13** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> 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.' <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he

answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**The Bridegroom says, "I will be back."**

- I. Get Ready
- II. Stay Steady

**OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**SERMON HYMN: TLH #609**

**“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”**

**- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2**

- C** Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

**PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

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- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

**CLOSING HYMN: TLH #606**

**“O’er the Distant Mountains ...”**

**✠ Announcements ✠**

**Voters Meeting Agendas** for the meeting next Sunday are available in the back of church.

**Ladies of Immanuel** will be meeting today after the service in the fellowship hall. This is a change from the usual time of Monday at 3:00pm. The altered time is an attempt to fit the meeting into more people’s busy schedules. If you have some time after church and are able to join the meeting, please do so! There is a lot of work that the Lord has blessed our ladies with, and the more help the better!

**Looking Ahead...**

- ✠ **Nov. 12:** Ladies of Immanuel (meet after church)
- ✠ **Nov. 19:** Thanksgiving Sunday Children Sing Thanksgiving Potluck
- ✠ **Nov. 19:** Quarterly Voters Mt.
- ✠ **Nov. 22-24:** No School
- ✠ **Nov. 23:** Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:15am
- ✠ **Dec. 3:** Bd. of Elders Meet

**Treasurer’s Report** We have a **deficit** for the first 10 months of \$11,472. Offerings are \$6,000 below budget, and tuition is \$509 below budget. Office expenses are over budget by \$594 and “other” expenses are over budget by \$1,804. Please take this financial situation into your consideration.

**The Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be held next week on Sunday, November 19 after the worship service. Please keep this date marked in your calendar and plan on coming for this important work.

**Supplies Needed** There is a lot that goes into keeping a church and school running. One important part of the daily goings-on are the supplies that we use for school, cleaning, potlucks, etc. Items include: small and large trash bags, foam cups, plastic cups, plastic forks and spoons, paper towels, toilet paper, paper towels, stamps, copy paper, toilet bowl cleaner, napkins, soap...the list goes on. Assistance is needed in supplying these items. If you are willing and able to assist, perhaps the best way to help is by making an offering to "Petty Cash." Then Pastor or one of the teachers will be able to restock supplies on an as-needed basis. If you have any questions or concerns or any other ways you'd like to help, please speak to Pastor Rodebaugh after the service. Thank you!

**Last Week (11/05)** Attendance: Winter Haven – 51

General = \$2706 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Building Fund = \$40 |  
Memorial/Curtis Banks = \$50 | Transition = \$20 | Petty Cash = \$150  
**Total Offering = \$3016**

**Usher:** Ream | **Acolyte (11/19):** Mason G.  
| **Cleaner (11/18):** Ream

### **Welcome!**

If you are curious about what we believe and teach... At your convenience the Pastor is ready to arrange free Bible instruction classes at your home or at church for you and your family so that you may be sure of eternal life.

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