

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

**First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20**

<sup>17</sup>The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire | for instruction,

and concern for instruction is | love of wisdom,

<sup>18</sup>and love of wisdom is the keeping | of wise laws,

and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of | immortality,

<sup>19</sup>and immortality brings one | near to God;

<sup>20</sup>so the desire for wisdom leads | to a kingdom.

**Psalm 70**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so 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 died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the

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Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>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, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>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.' <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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**Order of Worship: Service of the Word and Sacrament**

**ELW: Red Hymnal**

**WOV: Blue Hymnal**

*\* Asterisk means all are invited to stand. + indicates you are invited to make the sign of the cross.*

*Leaders speak or sing regular text. Congregation speaks Bold text.*

*Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic devices during worship.*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Minister:** Pastor Nikki Smith

**Organist** Deborah Rafferty

**Reader:** Barb Wright

**Greeter:** Donna and Kerry Thurn

**Children’s Message:** Pastor

**Altar Guild:** Pastor

**Offering Tellers:** Sharon Brenn/Lisa Owsiany

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**GATHERING**

**Prelude:** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”—setting, arr., K. Lee Scott

**Welcome**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Please place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary before or after service.*

### **\*Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, **God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

### **\*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.**

### **Holy Communion**

Christ has prepared the feast. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Holy Communion will be received with wafers and individual cups of wine (white) or juice (red). Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish to receive Communion you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing instead; please bow your head to indicate this to the pastor, or you may remain in your pew seat.*

**Organ Voluntary:** *“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”* — 3 settings, Charles Callahan, Mark Roberts, and Gerald Bales

## **SENDING**

### **\*Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**AMEN.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”* — setting, Wilbur Held

### **\*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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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**

### **First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 70** *(said responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me

turn back because | of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**

**let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the LORD!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Matthew

The gospel of our Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

*All Children remain with parents but listen closely as this is for you!*

### **Sermon**

**Reception of New Members:** *Today we are excited to welcome Rob and Chris Wagley into our community of faith by Affirmation of Baptism.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Rob & Chris, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Rob & Chris, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead\*.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*\*Or he descended into hell.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Rob & Chris the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome our brother and sister in Christ!

**\*Prayers of Intercession** (...Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.)

**\*Peace**

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

*Please stay in your seats and greet each other using safe social distancing.*

**Announcements**

**OFFERING**