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"There" Is Now!

WORSHIP SERIES

Resurrection 
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Shout at Midnight

Matthew 25:1-13

- November 8, 2020 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **We are asking you to wear face coverings.** *All employees, members and visitors in attendance shall wear face coverings before, during and after the service, whether indoors or outdoors. Please, continue to wear face coverings to sing – it must stay on for the duration of the service.*
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like they are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **If you are high risk, consider not attending service.** We will continue to stream our worship services for those who cannot attend.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **There will be an elder who will be writing down those attending service.** If an outbreak occurs, this information will allow us to have a way to contact individuals that may have been exposed which may be critical to help save lives.

November 8, 2020

10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

“Awake! The Dawn Appears!” – *Steven Scott*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” *LSB 467 verses 1-3*

Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens--
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me hath won.

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Your love has brought us together, O Lord, and it is Your love that sustains us through each day. We pray that You would keep us faithful. Even as we watch for signs of Your kingdom, strengthen us to work with You to bring about, here and now, Your reign on earth. Give us the courage to witness to Your presence in the world, today, tomorrow, and into the future. We pray in the name of the One who comes, Christ our Savior.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: God of Mystery,

C: We want to stay awake and be ready for Your surprises of love, but we are tired and overcome with the usual routine. We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of Your kingdom, but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification. We want to believe Your promises from ancient days, but we are overwhelmed with present-day doubts. Come to us again, O God. Awaken us with Your unexpected grace. Shock us with Your daring mercy. Forgive us, lift us up from lethargy and set our feet on Your path once more.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Be encouraged and filled with hope with these words: "We will be with the Lord forever." God's promises are never forgotten. Do not grieve as those who have no hope. Our hope is in God, neither sin, the devil, nor death can overcome that hope. So enter into mercy and love, forgiven all your sins by the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Psalm 78:1-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

"Meditation – Prelude No. 1 in C Major" – Bach – Gounod

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

SERMON

The Shout at Midnight

Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONG

"Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

“Prepare the Way”

Intro

Prepare the way prepare the way
Prepare the way of the Lord
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world Jesus
(REPEAT)

You are the King of the earth
You are the King of the earth
You are the King of the earth Jesus
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The king of glory the king above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The king of glory the king above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You laid down your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The king of glory the king of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The king of glory the king above all kings

Chorus

Bridge

Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Worthy is the king who conquers the grave (3X)
Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Chorus

BUT THE
wise
TOOK OIL
IN THEIR
VESSELS
WITH THEIR
LAMP.

MATTHEW
25 FOUR



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	Alex Lindeke, Melina Mantey
Elder:	Jim Pagenkopf
Organist:	Karen Tiffany Burgess
Worship Team:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for all those who do not have their lamps filled with oil, for all those who are not prepared.** May your Holy Spirit shine into their lives, sparking the fire of faith in their lives, and may you fill them abundantly with all the oil they need through your Word, until that day of your return.
- **Thinking about Veterans' Day, Lord you know the loss that many of our veterans have in body and soul.** You know the memories that haunt them and the scars that many of them continue to carry. Please bring healing to those veterans who still hurt. Please grant patience and wisdom to those around them who cannot understand but can sometimes help the healing process. Please apply both natural and supernatural medicine to their wounds.
- **Lord, keep this nation under Your care.** In the midst of contested elections we pray for wisdom and insight for those who make legal decisions. We pray that Your Will would be done through this election and the aftermath of it. And finally we pray for peace. We know no matter the outcome there will be people angry, hurting, wounded, mistrusting, cynical and ready to lash out. We pray your peace would wash over all those areas where people are grieving because of this election. Bring them your hope and assurance that you are with them through all things!
- **Have mercy, Lord, on the sick and bereaved, and on all who are in despair.** Help us to see and respond to the needs of others, and supply us with compassion for those who suffer.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

The Shout at Midnight

How prepared are you for the next emergency? What preparedness kits do you have ready, if needed?"

Read Matthew 25:1-13. In this parable, Jesus is using a common scene from a wedding ceremony. Bridesmaids would leave the bride at night, to meet the groom. They would then accompany the groom, whenever he decided (perhaps shouting his intentions at midnight), back to the bride's house. They would then travel back to the groom's father's house for a ceremony, and festivities that could last up to a week with many in the village in attendance. With those considerations, do you understand the response of the bridesmaids in verse 9?

Have you ever had friends or family members do something so embarrassing that you didn't want to identify with them? How do you think that same dynamic is in the words of the reply in verse 12?

As Christians, we are taught to be generous. In Acts 2:44-45, we see a model of the church where believers share with one another. Why don't you think the bridesmaids were chided for not being more generous? Why do you think the bridesmaids were wise for not sharing?

How does the last verse help us interpret the parable?

A "shout at midnight" is a surprise announcement. What does it look like to be prepared spiritually? What habits might help you be more prepared spiritually?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up?

Next week we will continue our series "There is Now" by continuing to look at Matthew 25. Our theme for the 15th will be, "Enter Into Joy." For we see in every gospel message, there is a call. But let it be a call to joy, not to shame or to heaviness. Let it be a call to the possibilities of transformation and growth. So come next week at 10 either in-person or online to enter in and experience more— more love, more grace, and more joy!

Veterans' Day Office Closure

In observance of Veterans' Day the office will be closed this Wednesday. Let us show our appreciation for all who have served in our Armed Forces on this day!

Zoom Bible Study this Week Monday at 10 AM and Wednesday at 7 PM

Join us Monday at 10 AM or Wednesday at 7 PM on zoom to recap what we covered during this service where we looked at how we are to be prepared when the shout at midnight comes that the bridegroom is returning! The morning session is moved this week only because of the observance of Veterans' Day on Wednesday.

Angel Tree Outreach is Going Through Nov. 15th

The effects of the COVID activity on our nation (and the world) has changed the way we are doing Angel Tree Christmas 2020. So the kids will not be forgotten, we have a goal to give (2) gift cards to each of our nearly 350 children of inmates in the greater Seattle area. From now through November 15th, so we have time to mail them, friends of the ministry can purchase gift cards for our children and caregivers, and we will collect them in the church office. Do not gift wrap the cards! Please indicate the value on every gift card. Here is a chart with places and values you can purchase.

	Gift Cards Children	Food Gift Cards Caregiver
Safeway / Albertson's	\$30	\$50 or more
Fred Meyer / QFC	\$30	\$50 or more
Target	\$30	\$50 or more
Walmart	\$30	\$50 or more
Kohl's	\$30	

Take the Survey for the Voters' Meeting Change

Last week we sent out a survey asking to move the Voters' Meeting back to Dec. 13th to give the council a bit more time to work on the budget and will be streaming it online. For constitutional reasons we will need RLC membership approval on this. So please take this or let us know if you need it resent to you so we know what to do moving forward. Thanks!

Christmas Decorating—Nov. 22nd

We will be looking at doing a scaled down Christmas decorating after service on Nov. 22nd. Please mark your calendars so we can get this done in a quick and cheerful manner!

Thank You from Pastor Matt and Melina

Thank you so much for all the cards, words of encouragement, prayers, and gifts given to Melina and I for Pastors' Appreciation Month. We love you all and are so blessed to be brothers and sisters in Christ here at RLC!

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 am—2 pm
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