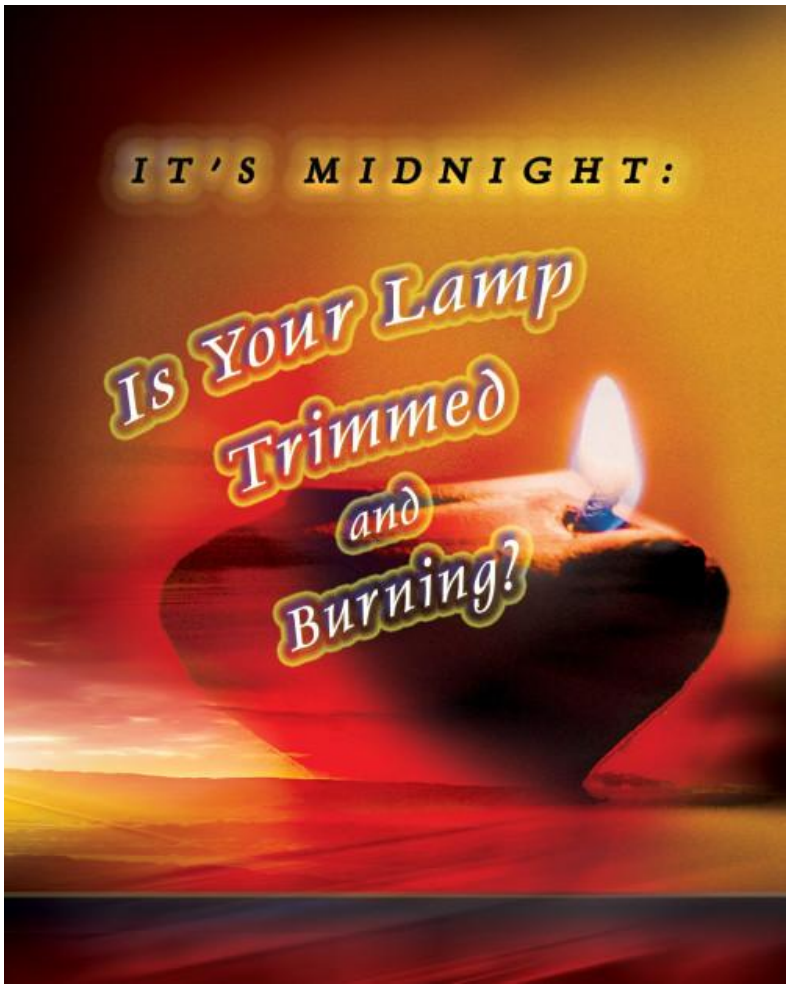
Sunday, November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost



Thought: *Jesus' parable of the bridesmaids is not primarily a warning to unbelievers or believers who are not on their toes waiting for his return. It encourages his followers to prepare themselves for difficult times when his promises are not being fulfilled as quickly as they had hoped.*

Prelude – Jill Rimington

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

P: With the light in our heart always burning for the presence of Jesus. We share His peace with others. Peace be with you!
C: And also with you.

Call to Worship

L: God's decrees are established to teach our children.
C: That the next generation might know them and rise up to tell their children.

L: So that they should set their hope in God.
C: And forget not the works of God but keep the commandments.

L: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn – "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand" ELW #441

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

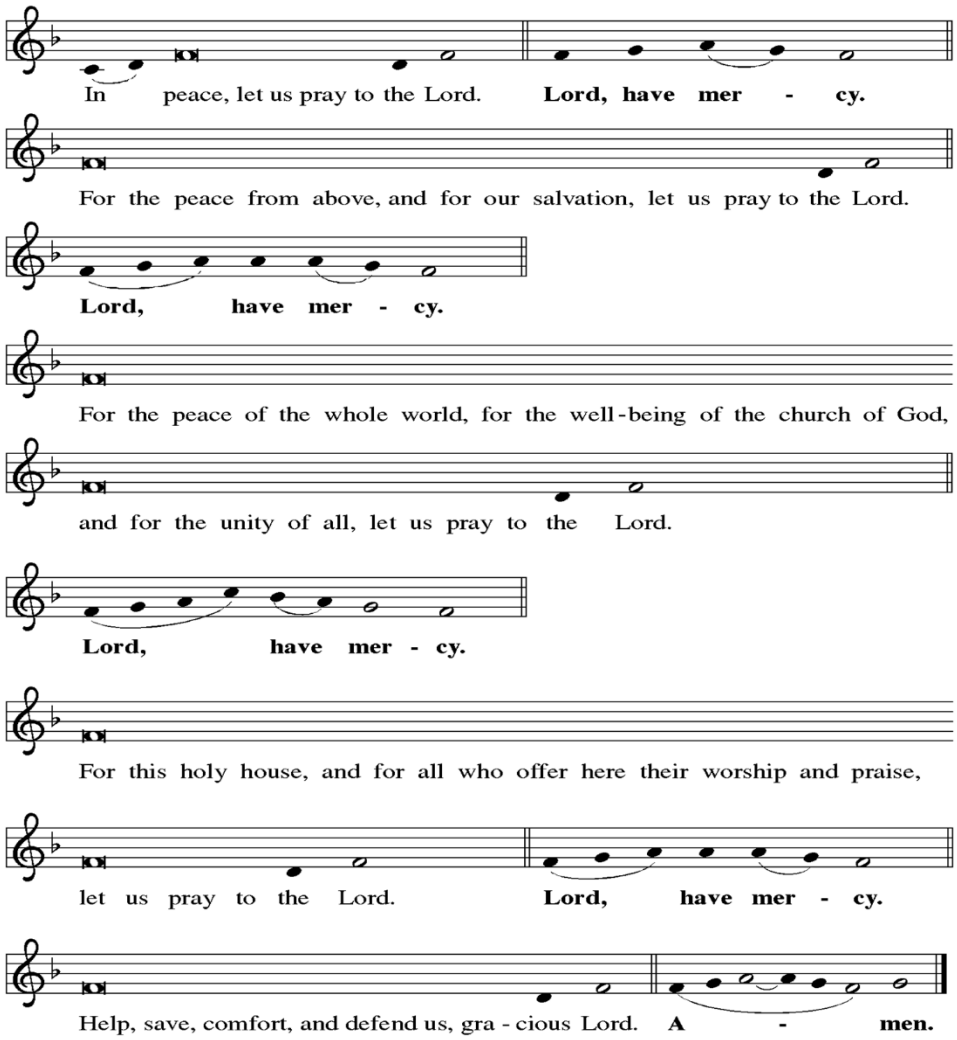
P: Merciful God, we are not ready for you to come and visit us. We would not want you to see how we sometimes treat other people. We would not want you to see how we sometimes treat the earth.

C: We would not want you to find out how often we live as though you are not coming to make good on your promises. Forgive us and make us ready to greet you and your coming reign.

P: Supply us with the fuel of your Word that we might burn brightly with your passion for justice and peace, now, until the day you come to make all things new. As we wait, our sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise – "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (sung twice) ELW #857

Prayer of the Day

L: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.

C: Give us the light we need and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the
LORD? It is darkness, not light,9 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the Walland was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.23 Take
away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

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

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back an be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because | of their
shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your**
salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Epistle reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

…even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but
the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 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.' 10 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. 11 Later the other young women came also,
saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. O Christ.**

Children of God Time

Message – "What Time Is It?"

Hymn of the day – "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" ELW #436

Apostles' Creed

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

Prayers of Intercession

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

L: **hear our prayer.**
You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Paul. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
C: hear our prayer.

L: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

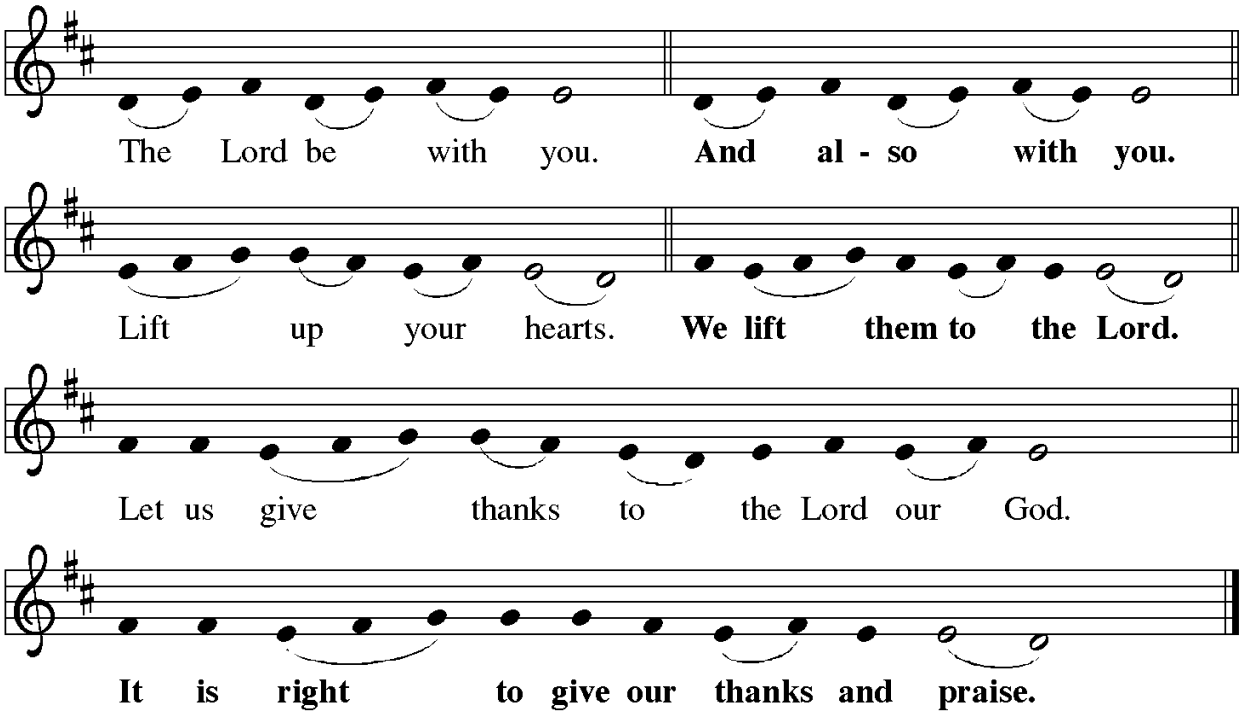
Offering/Offertory Hymn – "My Lord, What a Morning" ELW #438

Offertory Prayer

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

C: Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Preface

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Consecration

The 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.

Distribution – Taste and See that the Lord is Good.

Communion Music – Jill Rimington

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

L: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
C: You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.

L: Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Psalm and Benediction

Psalm 130:1-6
Waiting for Divine Redemption
A Song of Ascents.
[1] Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
[2] Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
6 my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Benediction from Numbers 6 – Pastor

Sending Hymn – "Blessed Assurance" ELW #638

Dismissal

L: Go in peace as we wait for our Lord with lamps lit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Jill Rimington

