

# The Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:1-13



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA

### TLC Renews



We want to be a congregation who continues:  
Trusting God  
Loving and Connecting with God and one another  
Reaching out to all God's children

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**November 8, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Pastor – Rev. Barbara Barry**  
**Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran**  
**Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed***  
**Office Phone – 717-597-9348**

## **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!**

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
- Masks covering nose and mouth are required by all during the service and while in the building.
- The words to the hymns will be on the screen. Please hum along but do not sing the hymns.
- The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
- Congregational responses are in bold.

\* *Please stand*

**Prelude**      *My Lord What a Morning*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **GATHERING**

**Hymn**                      *O God Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632) vs.1,4, 6

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

## **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:** We pray together: **O God of wisdom, justice and love, you light our way through life with the words of your Son. Shine your light into our hearts and lives. Awaken us where we slumber. Greet us with the warmth of your love that we may walk in the grace of your love and forgiveness and live by your light. Amen**

## **WORD**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel – 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Questions to ponder:*

- What does it mean to keep awake? What do you think the oil represents?
- Do you experience Jesus' parable (story) as a gift? Why or why not?

- Please call the office and share your God moments with your faith family at Trinity. We are all encouraged to see God active in our lives when we hear the examples of others.

## Hymn

*One Pure and Holy Passion* (CCLI License #2823825)

Give me one pure and holy passion  
Give me one magnificent obsession  
Jesus give me one glorious ambition for my life

To know and follow hard after You  
To know and follow hard after You  
To grow as Your disciple in the truth  
This world is empty pale and poor  
Compared to knowing You my Lord  
Lead me on and I will run after

Lead me on and I will run after You  
Lead me on and I will run after You

Mark Altrogge

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**Prayers of the Church** - *(Each petition ends with “Hear us, O God,”. The Congregation responds “your mercy is great.”)*

## MEAL

*(To be safe, you received a pre-package Communion kit with a host and cup of juice. You will be instructed on when to open the kit and receive Jesus in the bread and cup.)*

## Offertory

Everything we have, do and are is a gift from God. God invites us to use our gifts of time, talent, money, and other blessings to love others. We join God in the work of healing our broken world. We pray - offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

God of love and power, we know that we have been called to live and abide in your love and grace. **We know, too, that you trust us to live that word in our**

daily lives. Please receive now our gifts, our lives and our loyalty, and empower us anew to be your servants of love and ministry. Transform our lives and our offerings, so that we will be disciples of your grace and love. Abide in us always, O God, and through our gifts practice your actions of kindness, hope and peace in all the world. Amen.

### **\*Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us: **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**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Wake up! The Bridegroom has arrived. Receive the very real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion.

### **Communion**

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

### **\*Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

Thank you loving, patient and ever-present God for the gift of Jesus in the meal of Holy Communion we just shared. **Shake us from the slumber of apathy and routine and awaken us to the promise of each new day, fresh and full of possibility. Ground us in your presence and steadfast love; center us in the knowledge of your grace. Kindle in us a new excitement for this awesome journey to which you call us. Amen**

**SENDING**

**\*Benediction**

The Bridegroom is coming! Are you awake? Revere the Lord. Serve God in sincerity and faithfulness. Teach others through your example to trust in God. And may God protect you along the way; May Christ Jesus keep you alert and prepared; (+) And may the Holy Spirit fuel the lamp that guides your path.  
**Amen**

**\*Sending Hymn**    *Rise Up, O Saints of God* (ELW 669) vs. 1,4,5

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
  
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.
  
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

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**\*Sending for Mission:** Go in wisdom to greet the Lord; loving and supporting your neighbor in love. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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## SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Musician – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Scott Valentine

Acolyte – Abigail Wolfe

Ushers – Charlie Ford and Richard Miller

Singer – Hannah Ruffner



The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bud and Donna Wolfe in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their birthdays.