

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio  
Online Worship Service for November 15, 2020  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

P: We worship as the people of God in the name of the Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**Gathering Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Hymn 452 vv. 1 & 3**

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Lector: Scot and Karen Etgen**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day "Christ, Be Our Light" Hymn 715 vv. 1 & 2**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

#### **Apostles' Creed (page 105)**

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: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offering

The continuing 156 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- Electronically. Go to [My Offering](#) or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

*“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”*

*Psalm 136:1*

## Offertory

### Lord’s Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

### Blessing

P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

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. In the name of the Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sending Hymn “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Hymn 674 vv. 1 & 3**

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:

bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus call us in, send us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

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## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings  
flow; praise him, all creatures here  
below; praise him above, ye heavenly  
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

## **Postlude**