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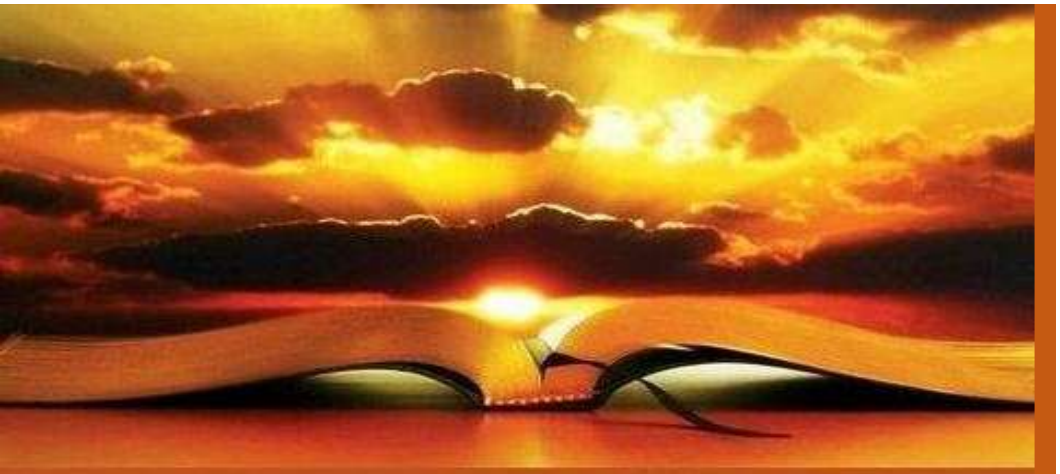



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Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" Psalm 70:4

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# WELCOME

## WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

# November 11, 2026






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2027 Altar Flower sign-up chart is available in the Narthex




A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the service on November 15th.

Copies of the 2027 Annual Budget are available in the Narthex.

*Today we welcome representatives from The Gideons International who will be making a presentation during service.*

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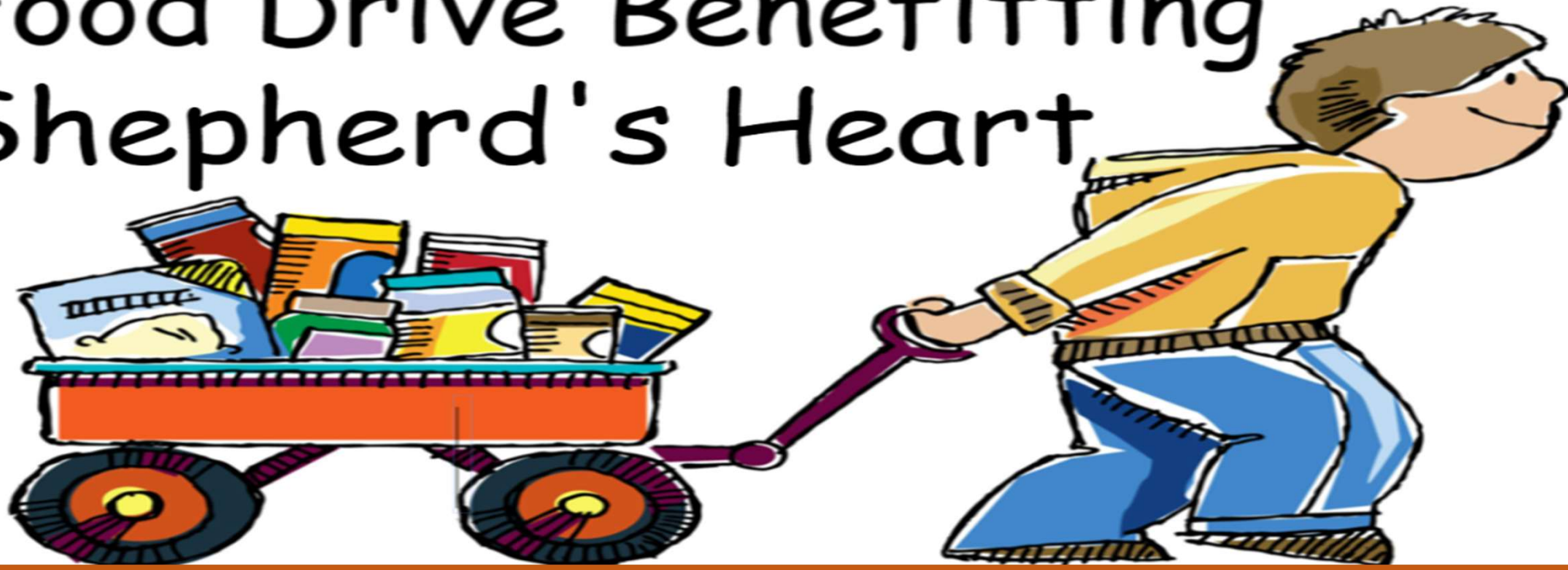



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Join the C.D.C. on
Friday November 13th and Saturday November 14th
for their annual garage sale in the Fellowship Hall.

# Food Drive Benefitting Shepherd's Heart



Food drive hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church
November 15th from 4 pm – 5 pm
at the St. Paul House Parking Lot



*What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.*

Philippians 1:18 (ESV)

PRAYER LEAGUE

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## INTRODUCTION

*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,
**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.**

We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your
reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God’s grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

# “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

# Hymn # 634

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Hymn # 634

**Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

Hymn # 634

[3] Hail him, you heirs of
David's line,
whom David Lord did call --
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.

Hymn # 634

**The God incarnate, man divine --**
**and crown him Lord of all.**

Hymn # 634

Final **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng**
**we at his feet may fall!**
**We'll join the everlasting song**
**and crown him Lord of all.**

Hymn # 634

**We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

Hymn # 634

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.**

**Kyrie**

*Kyrie eleison*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*Christe eleison*

***Christ, have mercy.***

*Kyrie eleison*

***Lord, have mercy.***

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**Glory To God**

*Glory to God, glory to God,*
*glory to God in the highest,*
*glory to God, glory to God,*
*and peace to God's people on earth.*

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*Lord God, heavenly King,*
*almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*[Refrain]*

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*[Refrain]*

*Glory to God, glory to God,*
*glory to God in the highest,*
*glory to God, glory to God,*
*and peace to God's people on*
*earth.*

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*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*[Refrain]*

*[Refrain]*

*Glory to God, glory to God,*
*glory to God in the highest,*
*glory to God, glory to God,*
*and peace to God's people on*
*earth.*

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*For you alone are the Holy One,*
*you alone are the Lord*
*you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*[Refrain]*

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*[Refrain]*

*Glory to God, glory to God,*
*glory to God in the highest,*
*glory to God, glory to God,*
*and peace to God's people on*
*earth, and peace to God's people*
*on earth.*

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray
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: Amos 5:18-24*

*In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

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,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear or went into the house
and rested a hand against the wall and 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. (Ps. 70:5)*

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 and 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.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

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.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia.***
***Lord, to whom shall we go?***
***Alleluia.***
***You have the words of eternal Life.***
***Alleluia, alleluia.***

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**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 25:1-13

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:1-13

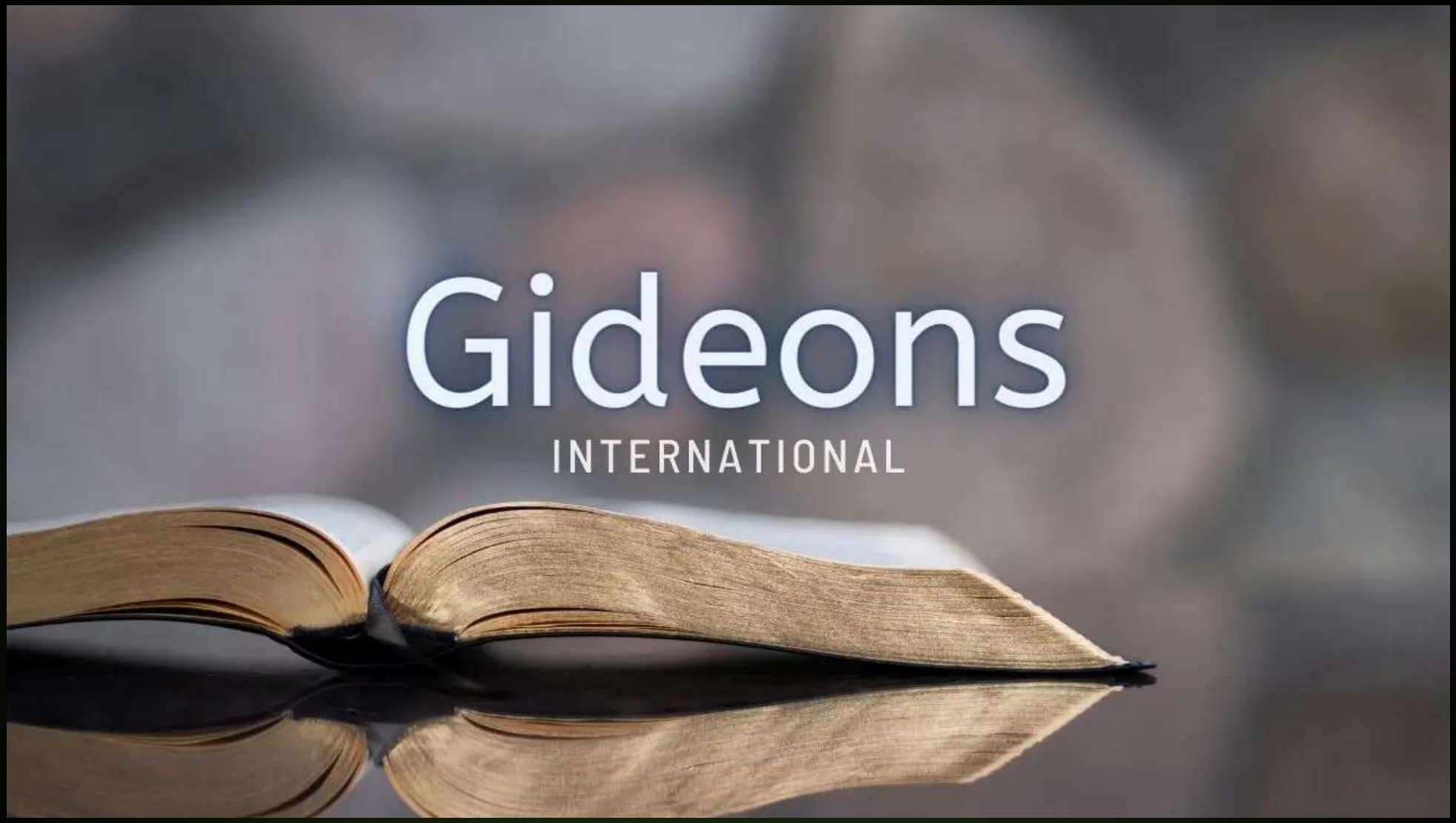
*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

[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.

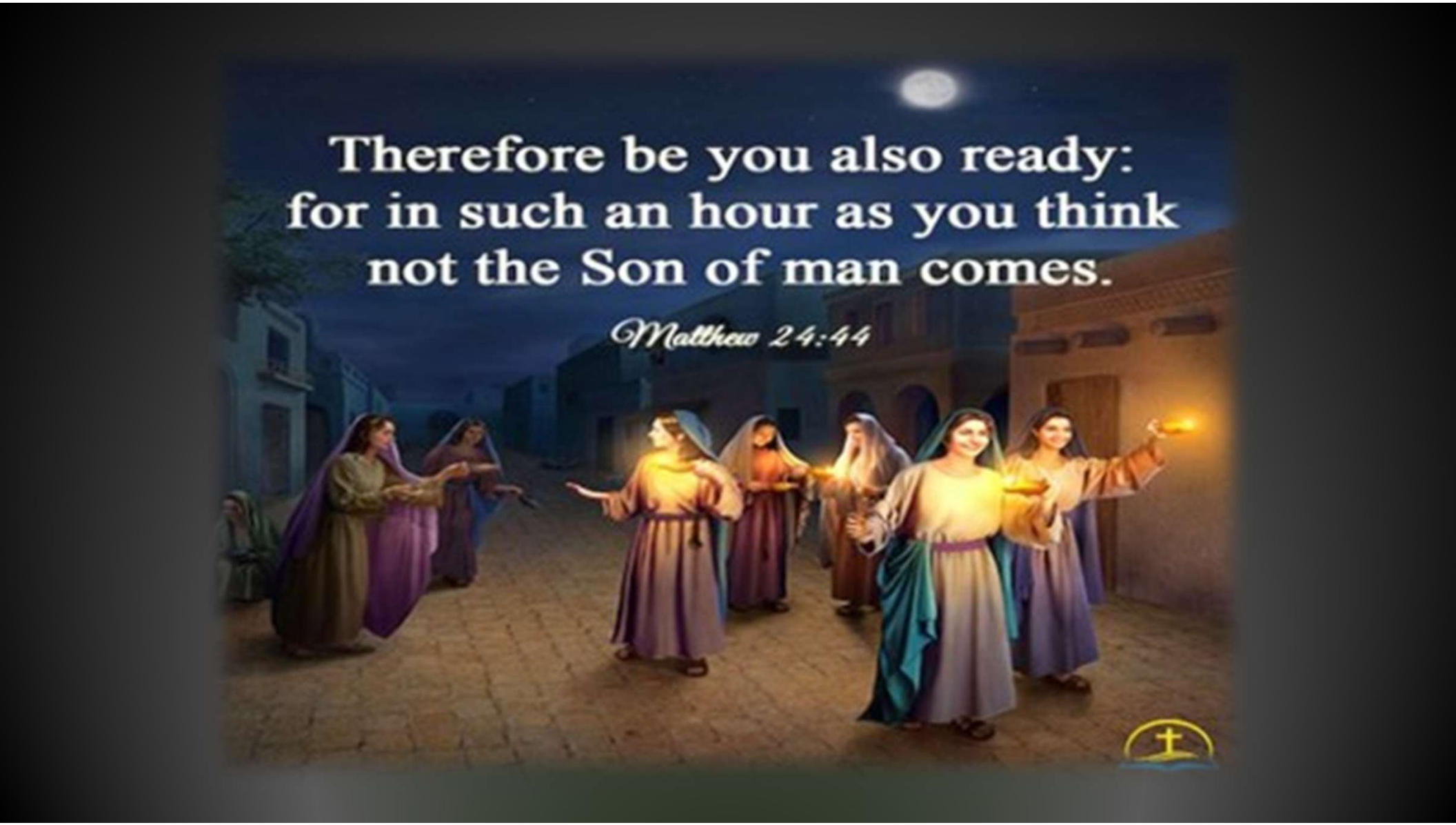
[11] Later the other young women came also,
saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he replied,
‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ [13] Keep awake,
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**


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# Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley


Therefore be you also ready:
for in such an hour as you think
not the Son of man comes.
Matthew 24:44

## Hymn of the Day

# “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

# Hymn # 244

[1] Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.

Hymn # 244

**The bridegroom is arising**
**and soon is drawing nigh.**
**Up, pray and watch and**
**wrestle;**
**at midnight comes the cry.**

Hymn # 244

[2] The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.

Hymn # 244

**The marriage feast is waiting;**
**the gates wide open stand.**
**Arise, O heirs of glory;**
**The bridegroom is at hand.**

Hymn # 244

Final **Our hope and expectation,**
**O Jesus, now appear;**
**arise, O Sun so longed for,**
**o'er this benighted sphere.**

Hymn # 244

**With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!**

Hymn # 244

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**CREED**

*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.**

*Congregation may be seated*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

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,
**hear our prayer.**

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,
**hear our prayer.**

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. Uphold veterans and those who care for them.

God, in your mercy,
**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. Especially we remember our friends and family members before you.

God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness.

God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed.  We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal.  We pray for our missionary Lisa in Canada, serving with the Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Greenford Lutheran Church in Greenford, Ohio.

Today we also give you thanks for St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, Texas and their pastors, Eric Waters and Robert Weber. Bless their ministry both now and for generations to come.

God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

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,
**hear our prayer.**

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

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**
**Amen.**

## Canticle of Thanksgiving

*Refrain* ***Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for ever and ever.***

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***[1] Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.***

***Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?***

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*Refrain* ***Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.***

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***2 For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God!***

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*Refrain* ***Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.***

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## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

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

**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.

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

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.**

## Sending Song

# “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

# Hymn # 551

[1] The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

Hymn # 551

[2] We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

Hymn # 551

[3] We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Hymn # 551

Final **Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

Hymn # 551

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

**Thanks be to God.**

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