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

Psalm: Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

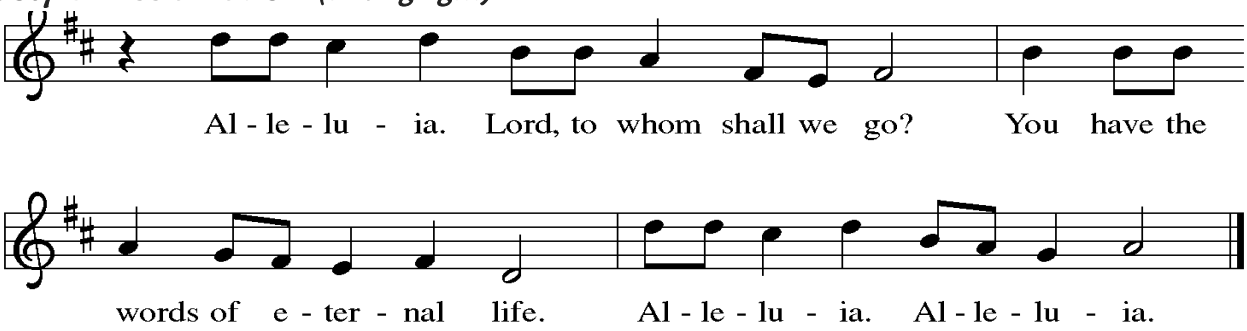
1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 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 quick- | ly, 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.

**** Gospel Acclamation** (all singing...)*



** Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13*

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

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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 concludes:

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Service Announcements – November 8, 2026

The Neighborhood Thrift Shop - Regular thrift shop hours are Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am. – 1:00 p.m. It will also be open during our Community Dinner, every third Thursday from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to this exciting new ministry please reach out to Joyce Brothers.

St. Luke's Instagram – St. Luke's now has an account on Instagram – stlukeslutheranobelisk. It has been shared on our Facebook account. If you can follow and/or share with others it will help continue to build connections in the community.

Book Club - If you are interested in joining the Book Club or have suggestions for future titles, please contact the office. They are currently reading The Prayer Box, by Lisa Wingate. Next book club meeting will be on November 22nd after worship.

Yoga Class – Our next yoga class will be on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. The class is $15 per person. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

Community Dinner – The next community dinner with be on November 19th. There are hands with ingredients available at the back of the church. Please help if you are able!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – On Wednesday, November 25th, we will be worshiping with Peace In Zion at St. Luke's.

Poinsettia Orders – We will be decorating the church with poinsettias this year. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please fill out the envelope in the Narthex and put it in the offering plate. The cost of each plant (red or white) is $7.75 per 6" pot. The orders are due by December 13th.

Music in Ministry - Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument? You are invited to share your musical talent at Sunday Worship services. Please contact Audrey Reinhart if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Redner's Tape - Do you grocery shop at Redner's? Using your "save-a-tape" card and turning in your receipts at St. Luke's earns us 1% of receipt totals. It also earns you gas/food discounts. This is an easy way to help yourself and St. Luke's missions. All receipts must be originals, not reprints, or copies. Contact Doug Killough at 610-390-7127 with any questions.

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