

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Healer, we ask your special mercy on those who suffer, especially:

Kimberly Armino, Juliette Bedes, Bertie Black, Bradley Home, Jeanette Burgess, Robin Coon, Alana Daley & family, Jack Gade, Charlie Gardinier, Charlotte Gardinier, Terri Herteux, family of Joey Hummel, Richard Kibwassali, Danielle Luft, Rit Marrero, Maureen, Cindy McCarthy, Ann Phipps, Bill Preuss, David Ray, Doug Schultz & family, Annette Sprude, AT, RT, Lisa Tebbe, Mary Yurian, those suffering from natural disasters, those who are suffering during the pandemic, and those and those we name aloud or in our hearts., ,

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship – Lectionary Year 32, A
Sunday, November 8, 2020

Lessons and Prayers

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amos 5:18-24 (NRSV)

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Why do you want the day of the LORD? First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as 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.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even 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.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70 (ELW)

^{70.1}Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

**²Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and
confounded;**

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw
back and | be disgraced. R**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

**⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever,
“Great | is the LORD!”**

⁵But 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. R**

Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)

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

Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer (*especially*)

Your mercy is great.

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.