

Pastor Ricky Adams



“Keep Watch”

YOU are WELCOME here!

We Gather In The Presence Of God

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Matthew 25:1-13

In this text Jesus speaks in a parable of a wedding to describe the kingdom of heaven and Christ's return. This is part of the whole context of Matthew chapter 25, which is really about being prepared for the kingdom of heaven by remaining sincerely watchful, faithful, and loving. In this section we are told of a wedding party, 10 bridesmaids waiting for the groom to come so that they may join the procession to the banquet. Half of the bridesmaids are ready and well-prepared when the groom takes longer than expected, the other five were unprepared and ultimately rejected from participating in the feast. In this parable of the wise and foolish maidens Jesus instructs Matthew's disciple community of the need for watchfulness, since it does not know the time of the return of the Son of Man. Thank you for joining in worship.

Welcome And Prayer

Pastor: Good morning! We welcome you today in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Opening Song – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

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.



We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Holy One,

All: **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

People: **Amen.**

God Speaks Through His Word

First 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.

Pastor: ¹³We 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. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. ... This is God's Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:1-13

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

Pastor: [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." ... This is the Gospel of our Lord.

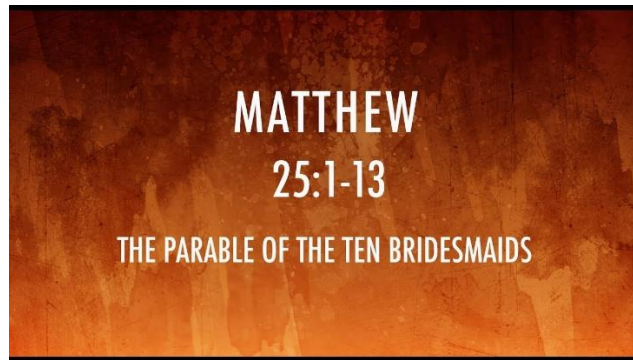
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song – I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
trusting only you;
trusting you for full salvation,
free and true.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
and for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.



Message

“Keep Watch”
Matthew 25:1-13

We Bring Our Praises, Prayers And Gifts

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: We believe in the Kingdom of Heaven, initiated on Earth by Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World. His kingdom will remain until he returns again to the Earth, personally and visibly, to judge the quick and the dead and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

People: **The appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ is our blessed hope. Therefore, according to His promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwell.**

Pastor: The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. But concerning that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

People: **Amen. Even so, Come Lord Jesus.**

The Prayers

Pastor: 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 who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: 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.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: 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. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: 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.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: 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.

People: Your mercy is great.

Additional Prayers

People: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: 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.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

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.

Benediction

Pastor: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Pastor: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Announcements

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

Office Phone – (415) 388-2065
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Birthday Blessings To – Marta Valiente on Tuesday

Anniversary Blessings To - Don & Beverly Erbel on Wednesday

Worship Returns to the Sanctuary – Next Sunday, November 15, we will return to worshipping in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Services – There are three ways to worship at Peace Lutheran Church during this time of Covid.

Live Stream - Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73855305624?pwd=ZEZpQkZNbEx5VmtUYTBKUnlLQjJkZz09>

[BKUnlLQjJkZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73855305624?pwd=ZEZpQkZNbEx5VmtUYTBKUnlLQjJkZz09)

Meeting ID: 738 5530 5624

Passcode: plcmarin

Facebook users

www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranMill

(available beginning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning)

Non-Facebook Users

www.plcmarin.org

Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

Communion – After worship from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. You may also call Pastor Adams to make an appointment.

Calendars – Calendars for 2021 are being collected for Fireside. Please feel free to place them in the basket in the lounge.

Weekly Devotional Helps November 8 - 14, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – November 9

Psalm 90:1-12
Deuteronomy 18:1-22
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday – November 10

Psalm 90:1-12
Deuteronomy 19:1-20
Matthew 15:1-20

Wednesday – November 11

Psalm 90:1-12
Deuteronomy 20:1-20
Matthew 15:21-39

Thursday – November 12

Psalm 90:1-12
Deuteronomy 21:1-23
Matthew 16:1-12

Friday – November 13

Psalm 90:1-12
Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10
Matthew 16:13-28

Saturday – November 14

Psalm 90:1-12
Deuteronomy 26:17-26:19
Matthew 17:1-13

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Pentecost 24

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Commemorations

November 11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397: Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

November 11 - Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855: Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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