

# Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church

*Here is the  
bridegroom!  
Come out  
to meet him*

MATTHEW 25:6



**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 2023**

***Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...***

## **Gathering Songs - Even So, Lord Jesus Come**

Even so, Lord Jesus come,  
O divine and glorious Son.  
Though we live as your body here on earth,  
even so, Lord Jesus come.

Holy Father, sovereign Lord,  
Your creation's one adored.  
By your hand we receive your majesty.  
Even so, Lord Jesus come.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,  
light a path through darkest night.  
In your care we confess our deepest sigh.  
Even so, Lord Jesus come.

Even so, Lord Jesus come,  
O divine and glorious Son.  
Though we live as your body here on earth,  
even so, Lord Jesus come.

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## **Prepare Our Hearts**

Prepare our hearts to worship You – the Ever Faithful, Ever True.  
Forgive our sins and make us new.  
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

Prepare our hearts for holy ground. Let our defenses tumble down.  
Come do what only You can do:  
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

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## Confession & Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

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

C: **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## Greeting / 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.**

## **Worship Choir: LightShine**

*Words by J. Paul Williams Music by Joseph M. Martin*

### **Children's Time**

#### **Sunday School Note**

*There is no Sunday School today.*

*There is generally no Sunday School  
on long weekends during the year.*

*The Baby Room and the Toddler Nook  
are available to use if you wish.*

*There are also children's activity folders for  
different age groups in the Narthex  
and children's bulletins at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

*There will be Sunday School next Sunday. Thank you.*

#### **First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24**

**L:** Word of God, Word of Life. **C:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 70**

**L:** Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.  
O Lord, make haste to help me!

**C:** **Let those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life.**

**Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire to hurt me.**

**L:** Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"  
turn back because of their shame.

**C:** **Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you.  
Let those who love your salvation  
say evermore, "God is great!"**

**L:** But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!

**C:** **You are my help and my deliverer;  
O Lord, do not delay!**

**Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON**



## Hymn of the Day - Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

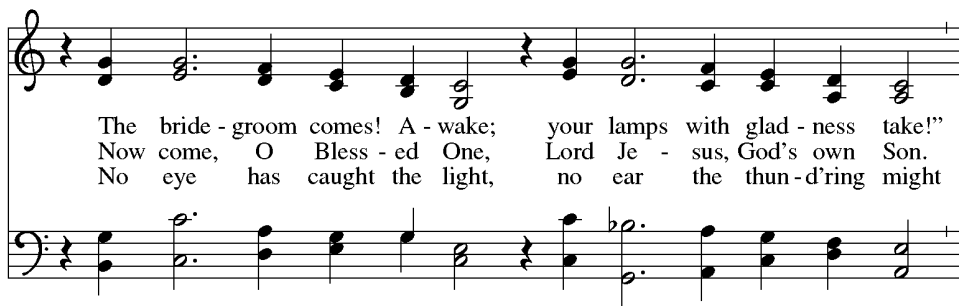
on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

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The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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## Confession of Faith - 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.

## Prayers

### Prayer Response:

P: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

## Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto  
the plate located at the back of the church  
or use the online options available on our website.*

## Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
**Amen.**



## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right...

P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

### 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**

## Sharing of the Peace

*Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.*

## Holy Communion

Christ invites us all and wants you to be included.

**Please approach the altar from the centre aisle. Extend your hands, the bread will be dropped into your open hands. Then, proceed to the left or right to accept the wine/grape juice from the tray.\***



Those wishing to be included without having the bread and wine may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by folding your arms.

*\*All wafers and bread are gluten free.*

## Communion Songs - Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood,  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## Emmanuel

Holy, holy,  
I will bow before my Lord and King.  
Hallelujah, You have come to us.  
You make all things new.

**Chorus**  
**Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,**  
**You'll never let me go.**  
**My Shepherd King,**  
**You're watching over me,**  
**Emmanuel.**

So amazing, You have named the stars  
of the deepest night.  
Still You love me.  
You have called my name.  
I will follow You.

**Chorus**

**Bridge**  
Holy, holy, God Almighty.  
There is none like You.  
Holy, holy, God Almighty.  
There is none like You.

**Chorus**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Reuben Morgan  
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## All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing, "Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord, Jesus, come."

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing, "Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come."  
As deep cries out to deep. As deep cries out to deep.  
We sing, "Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come."

## Post-Communion Prayer


Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING / Announcements

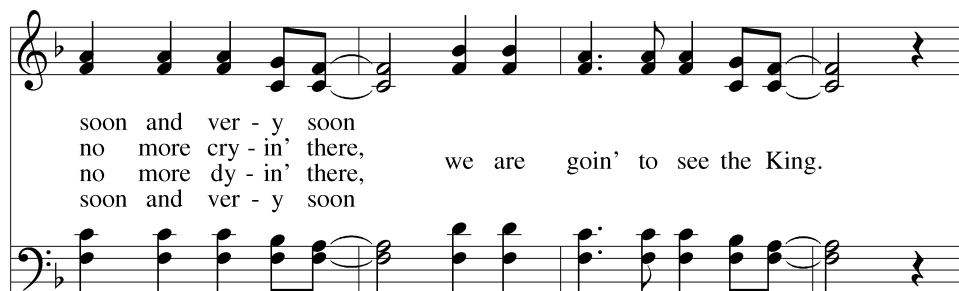
### Sending Song - Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
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soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## DISMISSAL

GAZA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

**HUMANITARIAN  
COALITION**



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

# Gaza Humanitarian Emergency

CLWR joins the Humanitarian Coalition in appealing for support to respond to the humanitarian emergency unfolding in Gaza.

**Donate today and have your gift MATCHED by the Government of Canada. (Oct 7 through Nov 12)**

Together with the Humanitarian Coalition — an alliance of twelve leading Canadian aid agencies — CLWR is seeking to provide critical life-saving aid in Gaza where estimates indicate that more than one million people have been forced to leave their homes and over 9,000 killed. Oct 7 through Nov 12, your gift will be matched by the Government of Canada!

# GLORY 50 PLUS EVENT

**Luncheon and Games**

**November 17 @ 11:30**

A sign up sheet is on the welcome table in the Narthex,  
or see Jean Poots after worship.



Want to find a concrete local way of acting in the face of our current age of extinction and looming climate change?

Come to: A Rocha Alberta? A conversation.

Interested in caring for creation? Want to find out more about ways we can do this work together here in Alberta and in our local communities?

On Friday, **November 17th at 7 pm**, join us in the Atrium at The King's University (9125 50 St NW) for a conversation initiated by guest Luke Wilson, CEO of A Rocha Canada. Luke will share a brief presentation about what A Rocha Canada is doing in other communities across Canada, from BC to MB and ON. Refreshments provided.

Then let's discuss: could we have an A Rocha AB? We have the basic components. Do we want to put them together? Come out and share your thoughts, dreams, interests. Do you want to be involved?

For more information on A Rocha Canada, check out their website. <https://arocha.ca/>

“In an environmental context often characterized by fear and paralysis, A Rocha is bringing hope through care of both people and places. We are preserving sensitive habitats and threatened species, growing food sustainably and feeding people living on low income, inspiring school children and training young people.

A Rocha is changing the way people treat the earth.”

Watch this video to see A Rocha Canada in action!


<https://youtu.be/hnY2ncsweeo>




# Music of the Season

With Guest Performers

 Festival Place  
100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park

 November 25, 2023

 2:00 p.m.



ADULT  
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Conductor: Esther Madsen

Accompanist: Linda Steinbring

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# Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

**Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Choir, Musicians, AV Techs, Greeters, Communion Assistants,**

**Usher:** Rose Schlegl  
**Acolyte:** Amalia Kalerantes  
**Reader:** Rita Spain  
**Communion Assistants:** Amalia Kalerantes  
**Coffee Setup/Cleanup:** Donna Dawson  
**Counters:** Darren Takenaka, Rose Schlegl  
**Lock-up:** Pat Becker

To volunteer, please sign up [online](#) or on the easel in the Narthex.

## Events This Week:

YOUTH Dinner & Bowling - Monday 4:30pm  
Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm  
Confirmation - Thursday 6:30pm  
Choir - Thursday 7:30pm  
Glory 50 Plus Luncheon and Games - Friday 11:30am

## Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
November 5, 2023	19	89	\$4576.65

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12;  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.**  
This can be accessed on our website, [glorylutheran.ca](http://glorylutheran.ca).

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