

MT SI LUTHERAN WORSHIP INSERT

March 19, 2023 - 9:30am

Welcome to this faith community. It is joy to worship with you today

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| SERMON SONG | Keep Your Lamps Trimmed (Spiritual) | <i>see screen</i> |
| SENDING SONG | Rock of Ages | Red Hymnal #623 |

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lector

L: Let us pray, God of holy anticipation, you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us. Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Lector

Our first lesson comes from Psalm 96. We will read responsively.

L: O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

L: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

**All: Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.**

He will judge the peoples with equity."

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

All: let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

L: before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

NARRATIVE LESSON Pastor

¹Then 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.
*The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

