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Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to the Pastors or Elders, fill out our Visitor Card (*turn in for additional resources*) and assist us in recording church attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. We hope you join us again soon.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BULLETINS are in the back center pews as you enter.

The Sacrament of the Altar

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

If communing, please prepare using pp. 308, 329-330 found in the front of our Hymnal.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper. You may come forward during Distribution to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the Sacrament (or blessing), please stand, bow, and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

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The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

Flower Calendar

This Week's flowers are sponsored by Jon & Linda Silverberg for their granddaughter's birthday, and Bruce & Kathy Pickering for their anniversary.

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THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 65:17–25 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:1–13

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).



Hymn of the Day: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

LSB 516

Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) was a pastor in the town of Unna, Westphalia, in the western part of Germany. From July 1597 until January 1598, plague raged through the town, taking 1300 of his parishioners. During this terrible time, Pastor Nicolai presided over as many as thirty burials a day; in one particularly awful week, 170 perished. From the window of his parsonage, overlooking the church cemetery, Nicolai wrote a series of meditations for the comfort of the congregation. He called the collection *Freudenspiegel des Ewigen Lebens* (Mirror of Joy of Eternal Life), saying, "There seemed to me to be nothing more sweet, delightful, and agreeable than the contemplation of the noble, sublime doctrine of Eternal Life obtained through the Blood of Christ. This I allowed to dwell in my heart day and night, and searched the Scriptures as to what they revealed on this matter" (hymnary.org/person/Nicolai_P). He took this tragedy, and rather than preaching the Law to them, he gave them the Gospel. Surely they were scared — so was he — and he preached the comfort of Christ crucified for their sins, and the promise of eternal life in heaven. Along with the meditations, Nicolai wrote the two hymns for which he is most remembered, this one, and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (LSB 395). He appended them to the end of the collection, and they have remained in not only the Lutheran Church since then, but also in the hymnals of many other denominations.

Prepare. Watch. Expect. The full title of the hymn reads: "Wake, Awake: Of the voice at Midnight and the Wise Virgins who meet their Heavenly Bridegroom." Nicolai's hymn is only about the wise virgins, the ones prepared with flasks of oil, the ones who, despite the delay of the Bridegroom, remained steadfast at their post and waited diligently for His arrival. At midnight came the voice at last, "The Bridegroom comes, awake!" (st. 1). Nicolai keeps his focus on this hope rather than on the fate of the foolish virgins who wandered off for more oil at precisely the wrong time.

In His Service Today:

- P** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor
A Rev. Aaron Schultz, Assoc. Pastor & Headmaster

Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman
Choir Director: Deb Trewartha
Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay
Violin: Jennifer Dorantes

Flute: Amanda Peters Dahlke

8:15am

Greeter: Joann Whorwell, Hoffman Family
Altar Guild: Deborah Riedweg, Angela Turner
Ushers: Adam Heike, Don Thompson
Lay-Elder: Jon Silverberg
Acolyte: Ezra

10:45am

Hoffman Family
Sharon Baumgardt, Holly Mootz
Bill Bussing, Lee Mundrick
Mike Mootz
PJ



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THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Divine Service starts on page 184 in the front of the hymnal

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Stand

Processional Hymn: *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

LSB 514

1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
“Come to the wedding feast.”
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!

2 There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer’s face;
The long-awaited story
Of heav’nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets’ holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.

3 There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav’nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.

4 In that fair home shall never
Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



- A** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.
- C** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;***
let me know how fleeting | I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
be- | fore you.*
Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!
- A** And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
- My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 **LSB 186**

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward**
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the
Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art
the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with
the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Let us pray. O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

- ¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *I Walk in Danger All the Way*, arr. Kenneth Kosche, CPH 2000

*I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.*

*This foe with hidden snares may seize me unawares
If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.*

*I pass through trials all the way, with sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day the cross of God's own sending.*

*When in adversity I know not where to flee,
When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.*

*I walk with angels all the way, they shield me and befriend me;
All Satan's power is held at bay when heavenly hosts attend me;
They are my sure defense, all fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.*

*My walk is heavenward all the way, await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay all suffering, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heaven I now press on,
For all the world I would not stay; my walk is heavenward all the way.*

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

A I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when 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, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy
Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for
the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of
the dead and the life ✠ of the
world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

LSB 516

1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,

No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory & Offering

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is

He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

☩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

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| <p><i>ref</i> You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.</p> <p>1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>2 With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Distribution Hymn: A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

LSB 510

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| <p>1 A multitude comes from the east and the west To sit at the feast of salvation With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest, Obeying the Lord's invitation. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!</p> <p>2 O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call In accents persuasive and tender, That while there is time we make haste, one and all, And find Him, our mighty defender. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!</p> | <p>3 All trials shall be like a dream that is past, Forgotten all trouble and mourning. All questions and doubts have been answered at last; When rises the light of that morning. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!</p> <p>4 The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand Than ever on earth was recorded. The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand The crown to the victors awarded. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!</p> |
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Distribution Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

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| <p>1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there: The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!</p> <p>2 Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene; The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.</p> | <p>3 Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight, Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.</p> <p>△ 4 O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect! O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect! In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.</p> |
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Stand

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2:29-32*

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Psalm 107:1

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 200

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

[Psalm 103:1]

Numbers 6:24-26

Recessional Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

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| 1 | Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up. | | Then the end of all the war Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore. |
| 2 | Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high. | 4 | Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast. |
| 3 | Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be Then the ringing and the singing | 5 | Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee. |

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Postlude

The Congregation at Prayer

Last Sunday of the Church Year – November 23, 2025

Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Introduction and First Petition

Verse of the week: 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298 Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

| | Bible Narrative | Second Reading |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Sunday | Trinity 27: The Wise and Foolish Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13 | |
| Monday | Isaac Blesses Jacob—Genesis 27:1-29 | Romans 3:27–4:8 |
| Tuesday | Esau Does Not Receive the Blessing—Genesis 27:30-45 | Romans 4:13-25 |
| Wednesday | Heaven Is Opened at Bethel—Genesis 27:46–28:22 | Romans 5:1-11 |
| Thursday | Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel—Genesis 29:1-30 | John 4:1-14 |
| Friday | The Children of Jacob—Genesis 29:31–30:24 | John 4:15-30 |
| Saturday | Advent 1: The Future House of God—Isaiah 2:1-5 | Romans 13:8-14 |
| Sundays Lectionary Readings | | Is. 65:17-25; Psalm 149; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13 |

Psalm 149; antiphon: v. 2 - O Christ, our King, we praise You in the Church! When we worship and when we are alone, we adore You. Give us courage to engage in spiritual warfare – against the world, our flesh, and the devil – with the two edge sword of Your Word, and grant us the victory. Amen.

| Daily Psalms | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Morning | 18 | 19, 20 | 22 | 26, 27 | 30 | 32 | 33 |
| Evening | 16, 17 | 21 | 23, 24 | 25 | 28, 29 | 31 | 34 |

Hymn of the Week: LSB 516 – “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

The tune can be found on the web. Search “WACHT AUF”

Weekly Collect – Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sun: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

Mon: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

Tues: *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wed: *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*

Thu: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*

Fri: *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

Sat: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

Specific prayer requests can be found in the Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly. Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayer List or to receive the email.

Day of Thanksgiving

November 27, 2025
10:00am Divine Service

Hymns:

892, 785, 894, 824, 895

Texts:

Deut. 8:1-10; Psalm 67;
1 Tim. 2:1-4; Luke 17:11-29

NEXT WEEK

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

Sunday Divine Service
8:15am & 10:45am



Hymns:

339, 332, 334, 337, 351, 331

Texts:

Jerimiah 23:5-8; Psalm 24;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-9

TODAY

*Join us for Coffee, Donuts and Conversation
in the Fellowship Hall between services!*

- 8:15am & 10:45am Divine Service
- 9:35am S.S. Opening (Fellowship)
- 9:45am Form of Faith Class (Library)
- 9:45am Bible Class “Genesis” (Fellowship)

UPCOMING

11/27 – Thanksgiving Divine Service 10:00am

11/29 – Zionsville Christmas Parade at 5pm

12/3, 12/10, 12/17 (Weekly in Advent)

- Advent Supper at 6pm, Vespers at 7pm
- 12/3, Missions, TBD
- 12/10, ALCS, Breakfast
 - *School Children Sing
- 12/17, Evangelism, Pasta/Chili

12/6 – Ladies Advent Tea 4pm-6pm

12/7 – Scott Schumacher, SGO
– Youth Group Meeting at 12pm

12/18 – Abendmusik Concert at Advent 7pm
– Pastors’ Christmas Party 5-7pm, 8-10pm
– Handel’s Messiah at Palladium 7:30pm
(Limited Tickets available in Office, freewill
donation to support Phase III)

Phase III Building Expansion

¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying,
“**Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
-Luke 18:16



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