

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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Prelude: 3 Settings on "Wake, Awake, for night is Flying" By Paul Manz

Hymn of Invocation: 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 85:1; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11b, 12a, c, 14b



I know the thoughts that I think toward you, | saith the Lord: *
thoughts of peace, and not of | evil. *

Then shall ye call upon Me, and I will hearken | unto you, *
and I will turn away your captivity from all | places.

LORD, Thou hast been favorable un- | to Thy land:

Thou hast brought back the captivity of | Jacob.



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

P Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Prophecy

Isaiah 65:17-25

Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying. No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor

in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," says the Lord Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 44:7-8



Thou hast saved us, O Lord, from our | enemies:*

And hast put them to shame that | hated us.

In God we boast all | the day long:*

And praise Thy name for- | ever.

Epistle

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Brethren: Concerning the times and the seasons, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 147:14



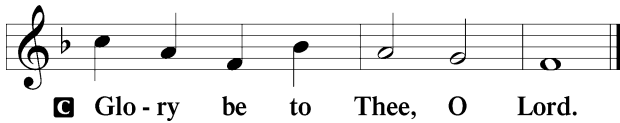
C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. He maketh peace in thy | borders, And filleth thee with the finest | of the wheat, **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: “The kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 872 Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church [P] let us pray to the Lord: [C] **Lord, have mercy.**

Proper Preface

[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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

TLH 607 Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the
 2 Oh, what fear man's bos - om rend - eth When from heav'n the
 3 Won - drous sound the trum - pet fling - eth, Thro' earth's sep - ul -
 4 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; All cre - a - tion



Proph - et's warn - ing, Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
 Judge de - scend - eth On whose sen - tence all de - pend - eth!
 - chers it ring - eth, All be - fore the throne it bring - eth.
 is a - wak - ing, To its Judge an an - swer mak - ing.

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| 5 Lo, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded. | 13 From that sinful woman shriven,
From the dying thief forgiven,
Thou to me a hope hast given. |
| 6 When the Judge His seat attaineth
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth. | 14 Worthless are my prayers and sighing;
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying. |
| 7 What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding
When the just are mercy needing? | 15 With Thy favored sheep, oh, place me!
Nor among the goats abase me,
But to Thy right hand upraise me. |
| 8 King of majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us. | 16 While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me, with Thy saints surrounded. |
| 9 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
Caused Thy wondrous incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation! | 17 Low I kneel with heart-submission,
See, like ashes, my contrition;
Help me in my last condition! |
| 10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,
On the cross of suff'ring bought me;
Shall such grace be vainly brought me? | 18 Day of sorrow, day of weeping,
When, in dust no longer sleeping,
Man awakes in Thy dread keeping! |
| 11 Righteous Judge, for sin's pollution
Grant Thy gift of absolution
Ere that day of retribution! | 19 To the rest Thou didst prepare me
On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me!
Spare, O God, in mercy spare me! A-men. |
| 12 Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
All my shame with anguish owning:
Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning! | |

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Tune: Latin melody, c. 1200; Latin melody, c. 1200
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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence /
334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You /
395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright /
663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: TLH 605 The World Is Very Evil (printed)

605

The World Is Very Evil

Rev. 21: 24

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Hora novissima

Bernard of Morlas, c. 1140, cento

Tr., John M. Neale, 1849

Ewing

Alexander Ewing, 1853

1 The world is ver - y e - vil, The times are wax-ing late;
 2 A - rise, a - rise, good Chris-tian, Let right to wrong suc-ceed;
 3 O home of fade-less splen-dor, Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,

Be so - ber and keep vig - il, The Judge is at the gate;
 Let pen - i - ten - tial sor - row To heav'n - ly glad - ness lead,
 Where they shall dwell as chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn.

The Judge that comes in mer - cy, The Judge that comes with might,
 To light that hath no eve - ning, That knows no moon nor sun,
 Midst pow'r that knows no lim - it, Where knowl-edge has no bound,

To ter - mi - nate the e - vil, To di - a - dem the right.
 The light so new and gold - en, The light that is but one.
 The be - a - tif - ic vi - sion Shall glad the saints a-round. A-men.

4 Strive, man, to win that glory;
Toil, man, to gain that light;
Send hope before to grasp it
Till hope be lost in sight
Exult, O dust and ashes,
The Lord shall be thy part;
His only, His forever,
Thou shalt be and thou art.

Δ 5 O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. **A-men.**

Postlude: Fanfare on "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" By Michael Burkhardt

Looking Forward to Wednesday (Thanksgiving Eve)

Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 12:13-21

Hymns: 892-895-652-781-617-790

Looking forward to next Sunday (Ad Te Levavi)

Lessons: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 21:1-9

Hymns: 331-332-517:1,5,3-333/350/343/622/335/351-357:1-2

Advent Midweek Vespers Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec 17 at 6:30pm

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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