

Take a moment to notice the \* at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The \* indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



When life seems oppressive and burdens weigh us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ’s Return

November 26, 2023

**AS WE GATHER** *“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).

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor:Lord God, heavenly Father,

**People:** 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Divine Service IV

Announcements

**Opening Hymn:** LSB 515  
“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

**Confession and Absolution:** LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

**\*Kyrie** LSB 204  
**\*Gloria in Excelsis** LSB 204  
**\*Salutation:** LSB 205  
**\*Collect of the Day:** (Printed)

Catechism Review

**Catechism Recitation** Question #25

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 65:17-25

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**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pew Bible Page 1840

**Alleluia and Verse** LSB 205

**\*Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

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**\*Nicene Creed:** LSB 206

**Sermon Hymn:** **LSB 516**  
“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Sermon

**Offertory** **LSB 956**

**\*Prayer of the Church**

**\*Lord’s Prayer** LSB 209

**\*Benediction** LSB 212

This concludes the service for online viewing

\*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208ff

**Distribution Hymns:**

“Now the Silence” **LSB 910**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **LSB 621**

“Thine The Amen, . . . ” **LSB 680**

**\*Nunc Dimittis:** LSB 211

**\*Post-Communion Collect:** LSB 212

**\*Benediction:** LSB 212

**Closing Hymn:** **LSB 514**  
“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman please pray for her to have more energy, so that she can do normal daily tasks like cooking, cleaning, etc. a woman please pray for her pain to be controlled so she can do what she needs to do. a woman please pray for her health issues. a woman please pray for her health, finances, and a job. a woman please pray for her life in general as she has just moved. a woman please pray for her health--mental and physical. Please pray as she is struggling with this situation. Also, please pray for her daughter with autism who is going to nursing school. a woman please pray as she starts school. Please also pray for family stability. a woman please pray to find some way to improve her income; protect kids from father's influence; keep home and find better job. a woman please pray that she will find a job that best suits her talents, and skill set. a woman please pray for healing, as her colon burst in August and she can not work again until December. a woman please pray that her hand will heal completely, and that she can get back to work soon. a woman please pray for her health. Also, please pray as she settles into a new place to live. a woman please pray that she will be loved. a woman please pray for her health. a woman please pray for her son who is in a toxic relationship. a woman please pray for her as she goes thru the adoption process with a infant family member. For men – For a man please pray over his life, and his current circumstances as he is having financial difficulties. a man please pray for his friend who is a missionary, and also for his family. For a couple- please pray for them as they have been in this area only 2 months, and are trying to get settled in.



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