

Old Testament

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound

of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel

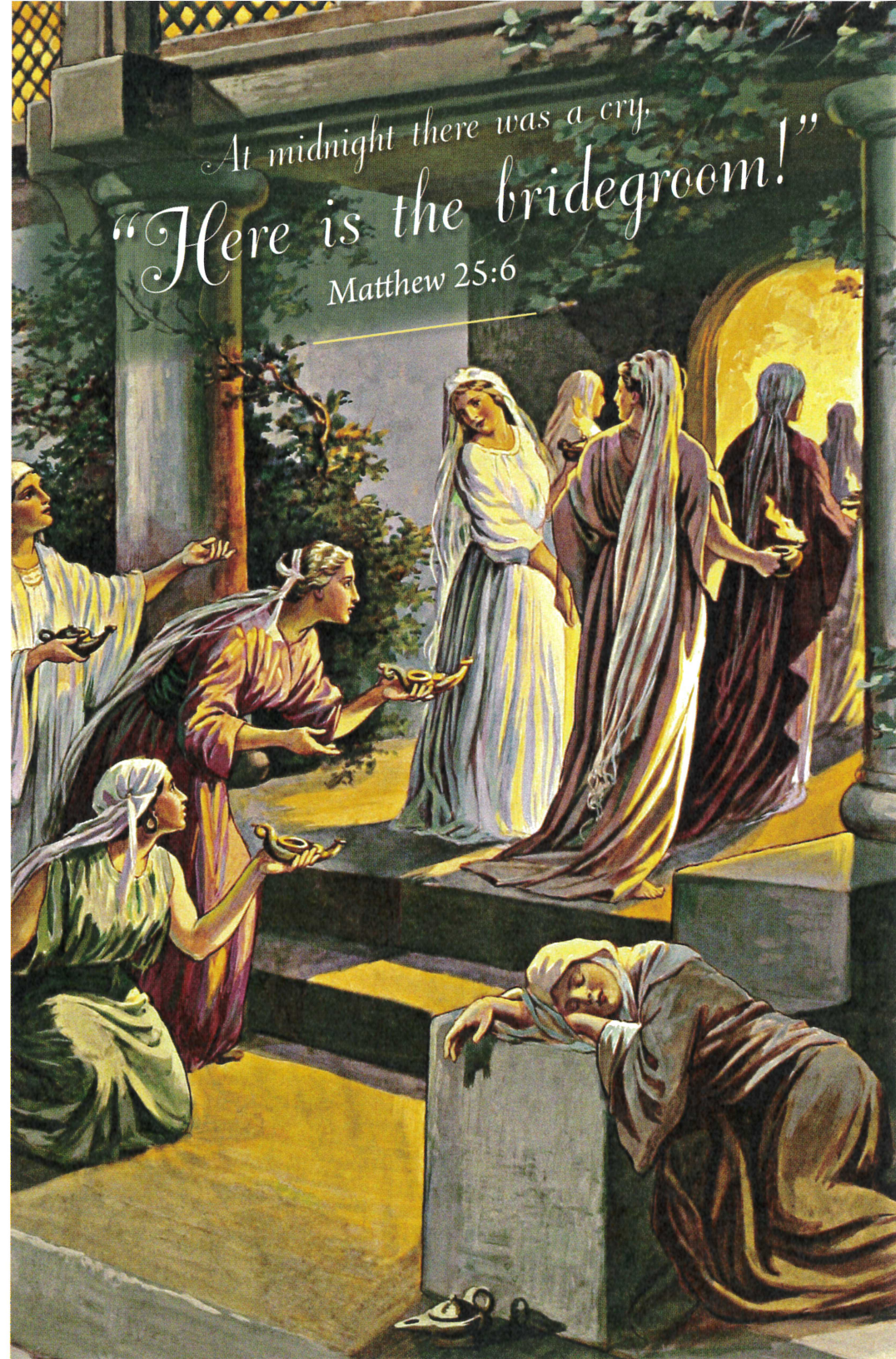
Matthew 25:1–13

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.”

About the Cover: The bridegroom is here! Five were prepared with oil in their lamps, but another five were unprepared and left in the dark. Christ’s parable of the ten virgins is a call to vigilance for the Lord’s return. We do not know the hour when He will come back again. However, in our Lord’s Word, we have everything we need to be ready for that day. His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). Jesus, the Church’s Bridegroom, has died, risen, and is coming back again for His Church.



Pentecost



24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8 & 12, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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***Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/1 (Wed): 41	Comm.: 37	Offering: \$1,320.00
Attendance 11/5 (Sun): 54	Comm.: 42	Offering: \$3,088.69
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 11/5: \$49.50
S.S. – 6	Staff – 1	B.C. – 7

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (11/13) 4:30 p.m. – Finance Committee
WED (11/15) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship
THUR (11/16) 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
SUN (11/19) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Janice Lemke (Sister-in-law of Gary & Joan); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

THANKSGIVING CARDS are available in the card room.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Simon & Rhonda Geiger in honor of their anniversary.

BRATS FOR SALE – Stewardship is selling brats in packages of 6 and 12. Cost is \$21 for 6 and \$42 for 12. They are available for purchase after church services and also during the week during church office hours.

ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS – We will be renovating the women's bathroom. Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent action cards to help defer the cost for the paint, sinks and vanity, and high-rise toilet. You can apply by going to the Thrivent website. If interested in doing this, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

LADIES AID WORK DAY on fidget project – November 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

FOOD-N-MORE collection box is in the coatroom. You can bring nonperishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion. Deadline is Sunday November 26th.

BAKERY SURPLUS TABLE is ready for baked goods. If you have extra baked goods you can bring items to the table in the coat room. Please have items on a plate and wrapped along with the date food was made. Food needs to be non-refrigerated. Items can be dropped off or picked up after services or anytime during the week.

ADVENT MEALS will be served on Wednesdays December 6, 13 & 20. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan on attending.

CHURCH DECORATING will take place on Saturday December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. This will be both interior decorating as well as putting up the outdoor nativity. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Alice Koerth for interior decorating and Hank Horn Jr. for the outdoor nativity.

JOYFUL GIVING – St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. You can now manage your own account by going to the church website: www.stbartbrillion.org and click on Member Resources and choose Electronic Giving.