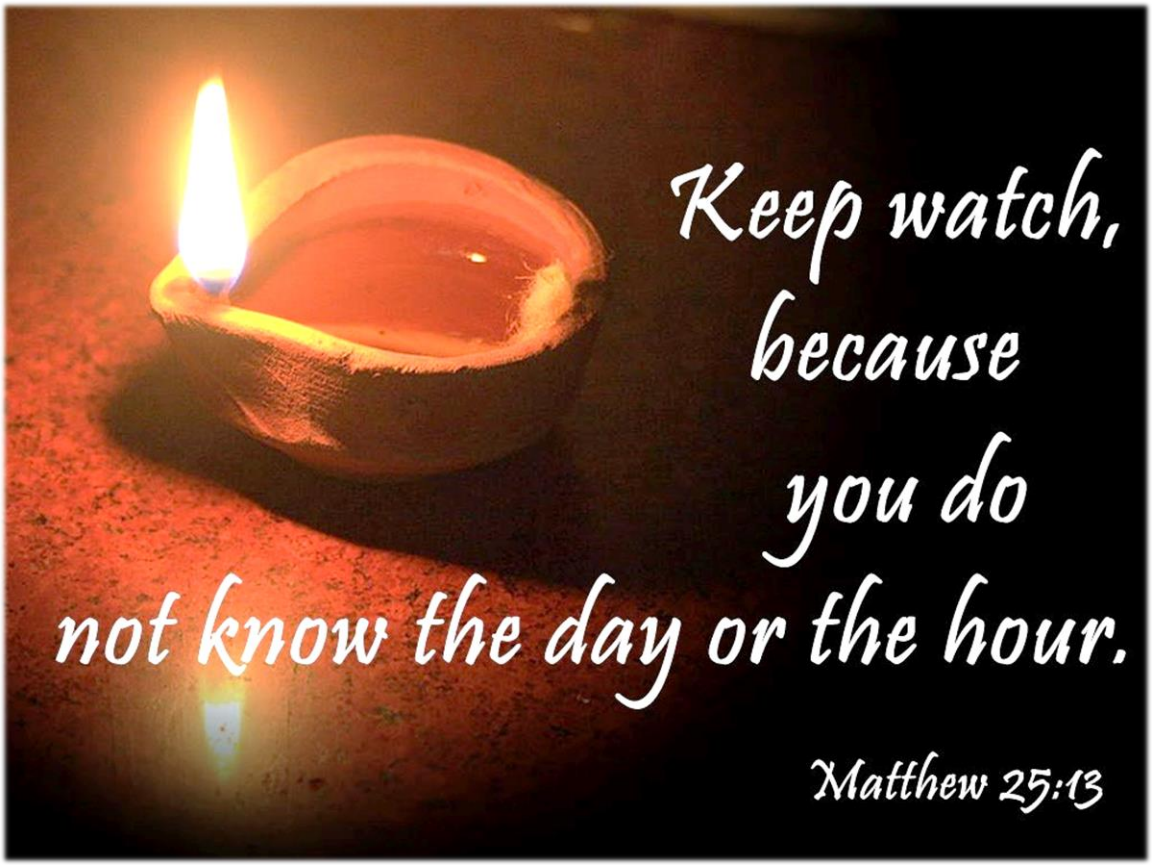


Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2327 17th Ave. Forest Grove, OR 97116 Office: 503-357-2511
Pastor Nick Koschmann Sunday Worship 10:00am

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 8th, 2026

As We Gather

What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor's office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps—faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage feast.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song: *Come as You Are*

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10

Pastor: Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
People: Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

Pastor: But 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.
People: For 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.

Pastor: At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
People: The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

Confession and Absolution *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.
People: We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.

Pastor: As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
People: We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
People: We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.

[*Silence for Personal Reflection*]

Pastor: But let justice roll down like waters,
People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Pastor: And so we will always be with the Lord.
People: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to "watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Song of Forgiveness: *We Bow Down*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as 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.
20 Is 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.
22 Even 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.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

[13]But 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. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For 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. [16]For 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. [17]Then 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. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

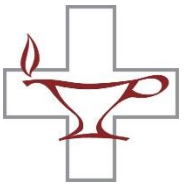
Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And 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. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.



Children's Message

Sermon Song: *Revelation Song*

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Offering

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Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us: ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Song: *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Acolyte: Leah Ehly

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jim & Patti Love

Last Sunday: 57

November Offerings
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