Amos 5:18-24 (ESV)

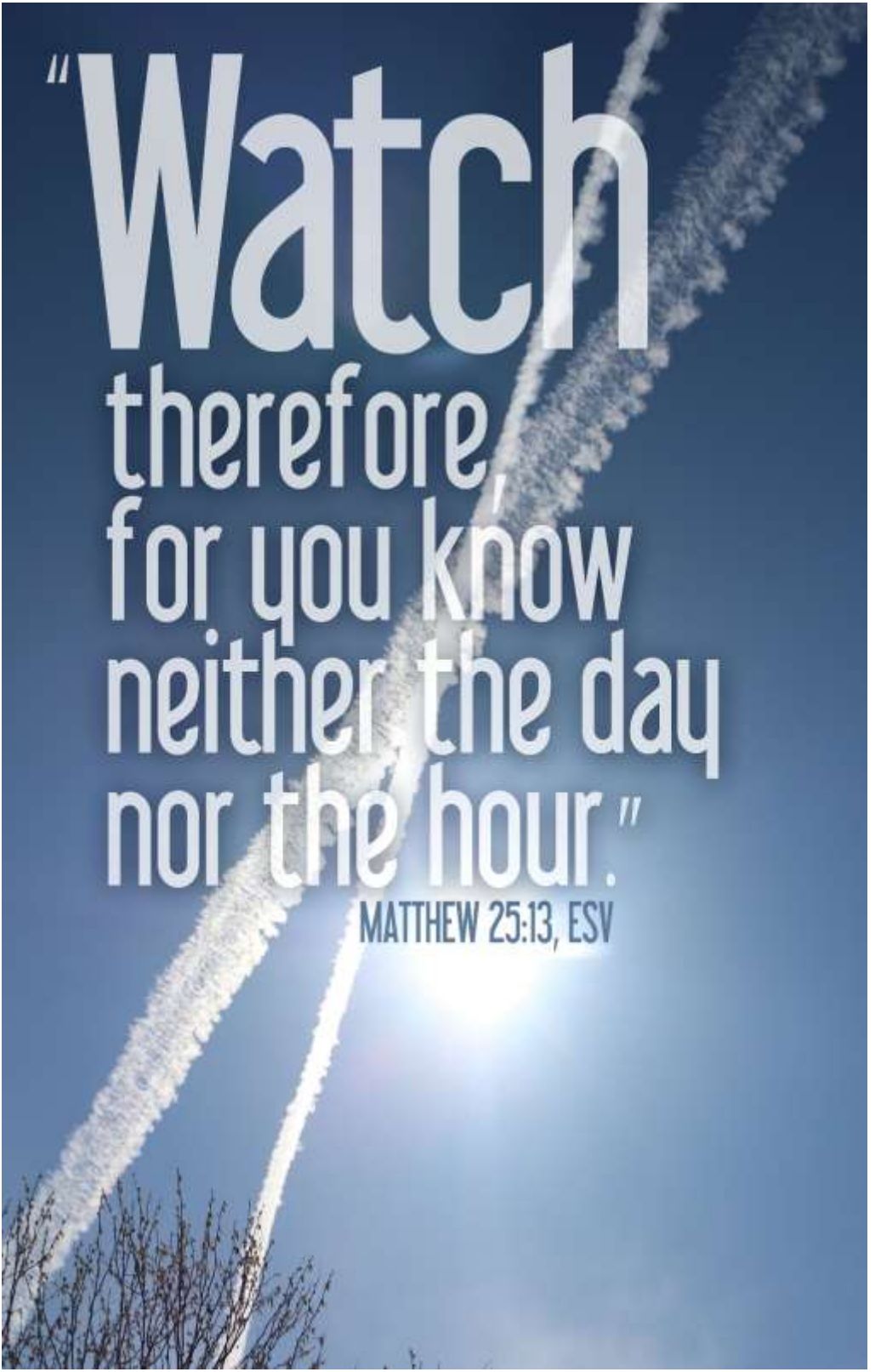
18 Woe to you who desire the day of
the LORD! Why would you have the
day of the LORD? It is darkness, and
not light, 19 as if a man fled from a
lion, and a bear met him, or went into
the house and leaned his hand
against the wall, and a serpent bit
him. 20 Is not the day of the LORD
darkness, and not 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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)

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.

Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)

25 "Then 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.


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MATTHEW 25:13, ESV

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✞ In the Name of Jesus ✞

As We Gather ~ The Day of the Lord is *"darkness and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, was we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" Matt. 25:9< that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of and archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

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Elder	Dale Rohde
Altar Guild	Irene Kruth

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 74 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* $4,729 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* $4,260; Capital Projects $100; Quilters $140.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: November 8- Jeremiah Dietrich, Bonnie Wietfeldt; November 9- Jessica Coulter, Joel Hutfilz; November 10- Michelle Beyersdorf, Bob Burdick; November 11- Tina Osmond; November 13- Judy Hingston, Joyce Little, Janice Hingston.

Please pray for Bonnie Krape - health concerns and Don Hollingsworth for continued recovery. Feel free to contact Vicar Ron at 989-385-7569 if you have a scheduled hospital visit and would like him to visit and pray with you or if would like to have someone put on the Sunday prayers.



All are welcome to join us for Bible Study following the service in the fellowship hall.



Thank you to everyone for your sympathy shown with the thoughts, prayers and cards received for our family during the loss of my father. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Dave, Lori, Valorie and Krista Kade



Veterans Day November 11

Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.

As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.

May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

Before God, we are all equally wise and equally foolish. —Attributed to Albert Einstein