

WELCOME

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAT. NOVEMBER 11 / SUN. NOVEMBER 12, 2023**



“THE DAY OF THE LORD”

AS WE GATHER

It’s not a big surprise that no one has accurately predicted the end of the world—not that it hasn’t been attempted. From religious sects to cult leaders to apocalyptic predictions made when we entered a new millennium, a fascination grows around those who claim they have it all figured out. We are wise though to take the Lord at His word concerning the Last Day. From Amos in the Old Testament proclaiming the day of the Lord, to Paul writing the Thessalonians about Christ’s return, to Jesus’ parable of the ten virgins, the Lord does not give us a date or a time of the end of this world as we know it. What He continues to give us, though, are promises of His faithfulness, His continued care and providence, and His assurance that when that day comes, it will usher in a glorious blessedness in His perfect presence that will last forever.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

LSB 514 (Tune: LSB 644)

**1. The Bridegroom soon will call us,
“Come to the wedding feast.”
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!**

**2. There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer’s face;
The long-awaited story
Of heav’nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets’ holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.**

**3. There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav’nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.**

**4. In that fair home shall never
Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least**

A mighty hymn for praising The Giver of the feast.

Johann Walter, 1496–1570; tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, st. 1; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, sts. 2–4, alt. St. 1: © 1982 Concordia Publishing House; sts. 2–4: Public domain ACH GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE 76 76 DMatt. 25:1–13; Rev. 19:6–9; Rev. 7:9–17

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

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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE “We Praise You and Acknowledge You,
O God” *(LSB 941, Sts. 1 & 2)*

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

**The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, we do not know the day nor the

hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until we enter the eternal wedding feast, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 (The day of the Lord and justice)*

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM “When Peace Like a River” *Spafford/Bliss*

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (The coming of the Lord)*

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,¹ 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.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1–13* (*The parable of the ten virgins*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”
LSB 516

**1. “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”**

**Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”**

**2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.**

**3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before
Thee With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we**

**Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!**

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898 D 664 448 Matt. 25:1–13; Is. 62:5–12; Rev. 19:6–9; Rev. 7:9–17

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who alone knows the day and the hour of the last day to once and for all redeem Your creation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we wait on Him, we receive Him now as He comes to us in His body and blood, for He has prepared this feast through His death and resurrection and will prepare the eternal wedding feast when the Son of Man comes. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB, page 195)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “O Christ, Our Faithful Master” (*Tune: LSB 442*)

**O Christ, our faithful Master,
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Your grace heals each disaster
Throughout the world abroad.
The Day of Christ is nearing;
He's standing at the gate.
In mercy, send Your cheering
As we keep watch and wait.**

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+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,**

**I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

**Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

**Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"**

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

(LSB 806)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son,
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that in our waiting upon You, we have been gathered together in fellowship at Your Table with sins forgiven and faith nourished. We thank You for the foretaste of the wedding feast to come when the Son of Man comes and we will live with You who lives and reigns Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSE *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18;
Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20–21*

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: Watch therefore,

People: for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

People: 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 HYMN “Sing With All the Saints in Glory” *LSB 671*
(*Tune: LSB 648*)

**1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**

**2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**

**3. Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

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Rev. 7:9–17; 21:1–5; 1 Cor. 2:9; John 14:1–3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ known
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- **Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.): Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **A/V Team: Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton
Brian & Amanda Larie**

- **2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Election of Officers
will be held at the December 17th Voters' meeting. If you
would like to be added to the following list of candidates,
please see George Kelm or Paul Trettin.**
 - President : Paul Trettin**
 - Secretary : Peggy Tueting**
 - Treasurer: Tami Voigt**
 - Trustee: Jim Tonkinson**

- **Women of Hope will participate in our annual Christmas
Bake Sale /Craft Fair at Trees on Parade December 1 and 2
at St. John's Evangelist Community Center 701-N. Lake
Ave. in Twin Lakes. All Hope Ladies are welcome to
participate. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex for
more information.**

Tuesday 11/28/23: 9:00 am-1:00 pm (come anytime you want to) You are welcome to join us in Hope's kitchen to bake your favorite goodies for our sale. You can bake or you can be a helper. **Thursday 11/30/23: 3:30-4:30 pm** Come to the lower level to help pack up our baked goods, crafts and misc. items. **Friday 12/1/23: 8:30 am** meet at Hope lower level to load everything, drive to St. John's, and set everything up. Help will be needed with selling the items. **Saturday 12/2/23:** See sign-up for the times you can be there to help with selling the items. Takedown when it's done, usually around 4:00-5:00 pm. and return everything back to Hope church. For any questions please call Beth Schneider 262-351-6578. Thank You!

- **Everyone is welcome to help with Hopes' gift to Twin Lakes Community, our Christmas Tree shining brightly at Trees on Parade. Help plan the theme "Christmas in the Movies", make decorations, set tree up , or take tree down. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Please join us in the Church Narthex and bring your movie and decorating ideas.
Contact: viaucathy@yahoo.com Cell:847-917-3692**
- **SHARING CENTER NOVEMBER & DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEALS AND ADOPT-A-CHILD HOLIDAY PROGRAM:** For 40 years the Sharing Center has offered many families holiday meal provisions in November and December, as well as holiday gifts to all children. Anything you could help with for the meals and for the children is greatly appreciated! Information is provided in the flyers on the table in the Narthex. Please see Gail with questions.

- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Wayne Olsen
Communion: Jim Tonkinson
Ushers: Paul & Beth Schneider
Fellowship: Beth Schneider

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Mike Gonski
Communion: Jim Tonkinson
Ushers: Sue Robinson & Peter Voigt
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting

BIRTHDAYS

11/14 Emma Pferdmenges
11/17 Emilie Medina

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week **11/13/23 – 11/19/23**

Monday: 6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study: “God and Country”

Thursday: 8:00am Men’s Breakfast

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Women of Hope Meeting

Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Children's Sunday School &
Bible Study "Book of Acts"