



*Therefore keep
watch, because you
do not know the day
or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of Your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: 343:1-3 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!

The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For Thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious
Thou victorious Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav'nly places.

2. O highest joy by mortals won,

Thou Son of God and Mary's Son,
Thou highborn King of ages!
Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r,
And Thy blest Gospel's saving pow'r
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine; Sing Hosanna!
Heav'nly manna Tasting, eating,
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.

3. Now richly to my waiting heart,

O Thou, my God, deign to impart
The grace of love undying.
In Thy blest body let me be,
E'en as the branch is in the tree,

Thy life my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying, For the savor
Of Thy favor; Resting never
Till I rest in Thee forever.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:1-6

Awake, awake!

Put on your strength, O Zion;

Put on your beautiful garments,

O Jerusalem, the holy city!

For the uncircumcised and the unclean

Shall no longer come to you.

² Shake yourself from the dust, arise;

Sit down, O Jerusalem!

Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck,

O captive daughter of Zion!

³ For thus says the LORD:

“You have sold yourselves for nothing,

And you shall be redeemed without money.”

⁴ For thus says the Lord GOD:

“My people went down at first

Into Egypt to dwell there;

Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

⁵ Now therefore, what have I here,” says the LORD,

“That My people are taken away for nothing?

Those who rule over them

Make them wail,” says the LORD,

“And My name is blasphemed continually every day.

⁶ Therefore My people shall know My name;

Therefore *they shall know* in that day

That I *am* He who speaks:

‘Behold, *it is I.*’ ” (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 609 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1. “Wake, Awake, for night is flying,”
The watchman on the heights is 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! Hallelujah!
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 the Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris’n, her Light is come.
“Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall.”

3. Now let all the heav’n’s adore Thee,
Let man and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbals clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught, Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee.

THE SERMON: Matthew 25:1-13

Theme: Parable of the Virgins Defines Readiness for Christ’s Return.

- I. Possessing the Lamp of Faith
- II. Securing our Store of Lamp Oil
- III. Responding Promptly to the Announcement of the Lord’s Return

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³ Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose 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, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

HYMN: 307 Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

1. Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,

With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn: 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heart-felt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30.

Ladies aid is scheduled to meet at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. We will continue a special video mission evangelism series prepared by the CLC's Committee on Domestic Fields following the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall spreading out with families at individual tables to maintain social distancing. The presentation will be about 45 minutes. Next Sunday's sermon text: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 26: Thanksgiving Day! Worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 2, 9, 16 Midweek Advent Services at 7:00 p.m. (There will NOT be soup and sandwich suppers before these services this year.)

December 20 Children's Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m.

December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Nov. 8 worship – 15 Bible Class -- 6; Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$1005.00	
Needed for Year:	\$55,000.00	
Received for Year:	\$48,969.00	

November Church Cleaning - Hellickson

VOLUNTEER FAMILY? Since we cannot under the present COVID 19 restriction have our traditional congregational fellowship with church decorating, we are asking if there would be a family that would decorate the Christmas before the Dec. 5 and then remove the tree decorations after the season is over on or about the 10th of January. Please consider this and let the pastor know if you would be willing to do one or both of these activities.

CLCNEWS: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm, MN has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.