

The Last Sunday of the Church Year
The Parable of the Ten Virgins
November 22, 2020
11:00 am



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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WELCOME

To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all.

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This service has been modeled after the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One and does not include congregational singing. All singing will be done by Pastor and secluded choir members.

Our financial gifts are offered as a response to what God has given us, and as a reminder that we are caretakers of the world he created. Our members support this church. Visitors are not expected to give an offering. Offerings will be collected in the plates as you exit the nave.

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Due to necessary restrictions on congregational singing, Pastor and choir members will sing the congregation's parts throughout the service.

Prelude

“Wachet Auf”

J.S. Bach

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
Your lamps with gladness take!”
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.



↑ Confession

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

C: Amen.

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

Please kneel as you are able.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Introit (*Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10*)

R: The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zi- / on with singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- / on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- / ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall / flee away.

P: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure / of my days;*
let me know how fleet- / ing I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as noth- / ing before you.*

Surely all mankind stands as / a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what / do I wait?*

My hope / is in you.

Deliver me from all / my transgressions.*

Do not make me the scorn / of the fool!

R: 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.

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zi- / on with singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- / on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- / ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall / flee away.

Kyrie

(Covenant Singers)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Hymn of Praise

(Covenant Singers)

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

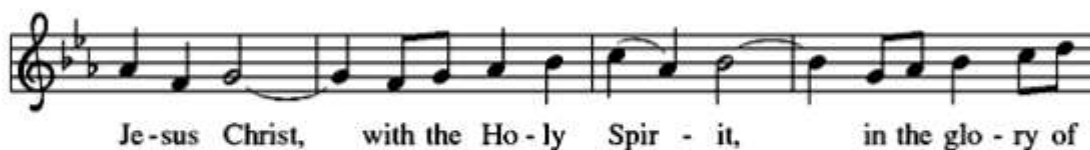
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

(Covenant Singers



Greeting and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We pray: O Lord, send forth your Son, we pray, to lead home his bride, the Church, that we may finally enter into his eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

↓ The Hebrew Scriptures (*Isaiah 65:17-25*)

A: A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Psalm 45:14-15*)

**R: In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led / to the king,*
with her virgin companions follow- / ing behind her.
With joy and gladness they are / led along*
as they enter the palace / of the king.**

The Christian Scriptures (*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*)

A: A reading from 1st Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ Verse (*Revelation 21:2*)



**R: I saw the holy city, new Je- / rusalem,*
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned / for her husband.**



The Holy Gospel (*Matthew 25:1-13*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

A: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Skillman

Announcements

Prayers of the People

A: Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Preface and Proper Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might:

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.

The Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pax Domini

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

C: And also with you.

Agnus Dei

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

↑Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Canticle (Covenant Singers)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Post Communion Collect

A: We pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wachet Aut

Johann Krebs



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NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES

November 29, 2020

9:00 am "Drive In"

11:00 am "In Building"

Ad Te Levavi / The 1st Sunday of Advent
The Triumphal Entry According to St. Matthew

READINGS

Matthew 21:1-9 (Jeremiah 23:5-8, Romans 13:8-14)

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