
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 11 & 12, 2017

Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

Stand **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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.

C **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.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C **How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!**

P Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C **O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

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 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P *♪ In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

C *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

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

C *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

P 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.

C ♪ *Lord, have mercy.*

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C ♪ *Lord, have mercy.*

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C ♪ *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P ♪ *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

C ♪ *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:*

We worship You, we give You thanks,

we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P ♪ The Lord be with you.

C ♪ **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit 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?

- 19 It is darkness, and not light,
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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb.

C **Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **Common Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C *♪ Alleluia.*

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit **Hymn**

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514

Sermon

"Keep Your Light Shining"

Matthew 25:1-13

(Saturday) **Nicene Creed**

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and
invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

[Sunday] Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.

P Almighty God, as we await the Day of the Lord with eager
expectation, we pray that You would keep us in constant
readiness through the pure preaching and teaching of Your holy
Word, that we remain steadfast in the faith until Your Son
returns in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Everlasting Father, grant that Your people may remain faithful in
receiving the oil that You provide for them in Word and
Sacrament, that they may not be found lacking when the
Bridegroom returns to receive His Bride, the Church. Lord, in
Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Church is a beacon of light to a dark and
dying world. Grant Your Church zeal in proclaiming the light of

Christ to others as the day approaches, that many may be gathered into Your Kingdom and saved from wrath. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, we pray that You would grant Your help to all who are in need, especially those who are sick, [including _____,] that they may receive healing as You will and that they may be strengthened and comforted in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, You give us the very body and blood of Your Son to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Grant that we receive this great gift with thankfulness and to our everlasting benefit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, as the end approaches, we have continual need of faithful preachers and teachers who will speak to us the Word of truth. Grant us pastors, teachers, deaconesses and other church workers who will not shrink from proclaiming the full counsel of Your Word, that Your people may be blessed through them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, grant that we may not mourn and grieve as those who have no hope, but that we may look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting that You have prepared for us to receive on the Last Day, and that this may always be our hope and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit Offering

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Saturday Service continues on pg. 10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Stand Offertory

LSB 159

- C** *♪ What shall I render to the Lord
for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

- 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 Him 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

LSB 161

- C** ♪ *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- 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.**

Saturday Service continues on pg. 12 with the Benediction.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 162*

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

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.*

Sit **Distribution**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing *LSB 633*

Stand **Post-Communion Canticle** *Thank the Lord* *LSB 164*

C *♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He
has done.*

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His
name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P 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.

C Amen.

Hymn *God Bless Our Native Land*

LSB 965

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