
THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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“A Church where God gives and we receive”

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Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

Worship Notes

Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 14.*



Synod Sentences on Today's Readings – Last Sunday of the Church Year

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return “The day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night” ([1 Thess 5:1-11](#)). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. “For you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” ([Matt 25:1-13](#)). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of

faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people ([Is 65:17-25](#)).

Lutherans for Life Thought for Last Sunday of the Church Year – Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind's bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** 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.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
 everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
 They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
 and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;
 let me know how fleeting | I am!*
*Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
 be- | fore 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 trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Gloria Patri


LSB 186



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie


LSB 186



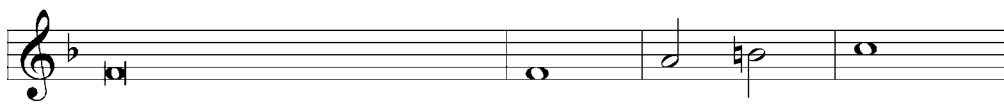
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



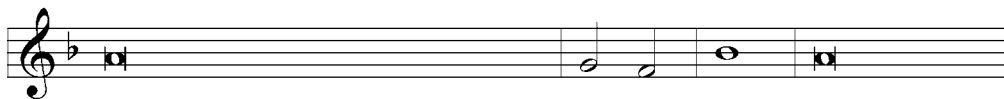
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



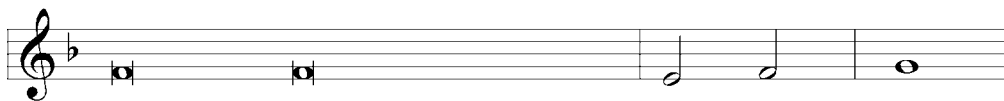
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

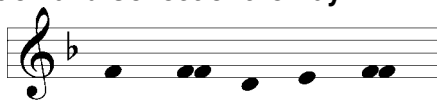


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

- ¹⁷Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
- ¹⁸But 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.
- ¹⁹I 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.
- ²⁰No 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.
- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²²They 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.

²³They 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.

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

²⁵The 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.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 45:14–15

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.*

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While 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. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "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 The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.



Hymn of the Day

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Sermon

(see page 27 for worksheet)

Pr von Hindenburg

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "hear our prayer".

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

Brief silence

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part. We praise You especially for preserving for us Your saving Word and Holy Sacraments. Grant and preserve to Your Holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine, and provide faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all who hear the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send laborers into Your harvest, and open the door of faith to those who do not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

- P** Heavenly Father, in mercy bring to repentance the enemies of Your Church, and grant them amendment of life. Protect and defend Your Church in all tribulation and danger, and sustain with Your Spirit our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who experience persecution. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ, and help us to fight the good fight of faith, that in the end we may receive the salvation of our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Loving God, bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land, that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. Bless also all who serve in our armed forces, that they may serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Compassionate Lord, graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings, and let all useful arts flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the lonely and forsaken, the Helper of the sick and needy, the Comforter of the distressed and those who sorrow. Look with mercy especially upon those who have requested our prayers, *including Abai, Alice, Bonnie, Charles, Charlotte, Clinton, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice, Ed, James, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Martin, Naomi, Olivier, Rodgers, Royce, Stephen, Stephen, Susan, and Tuomo*, that they may ever cling to Jesus as their sure and certain hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Grant Your Holy Spirit to those who come to the Lord's table this day, that they may receive the very body and blood of Jesus Christ in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us

to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION: At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

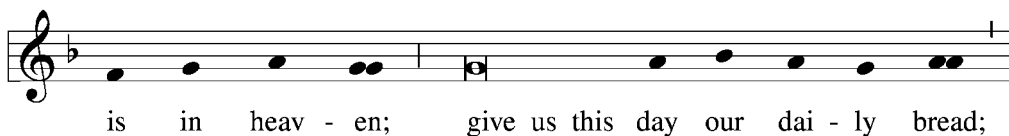
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



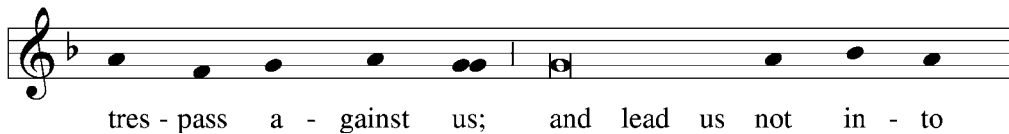
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



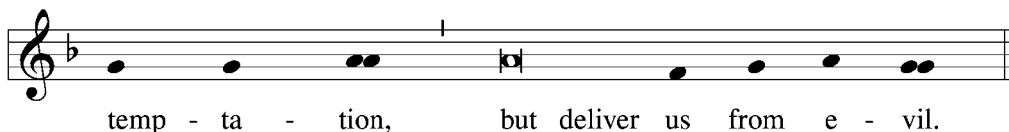
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



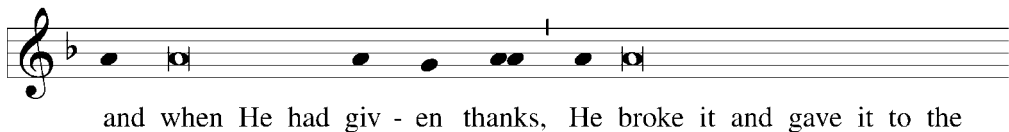
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

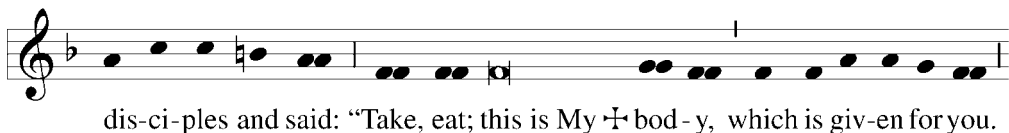
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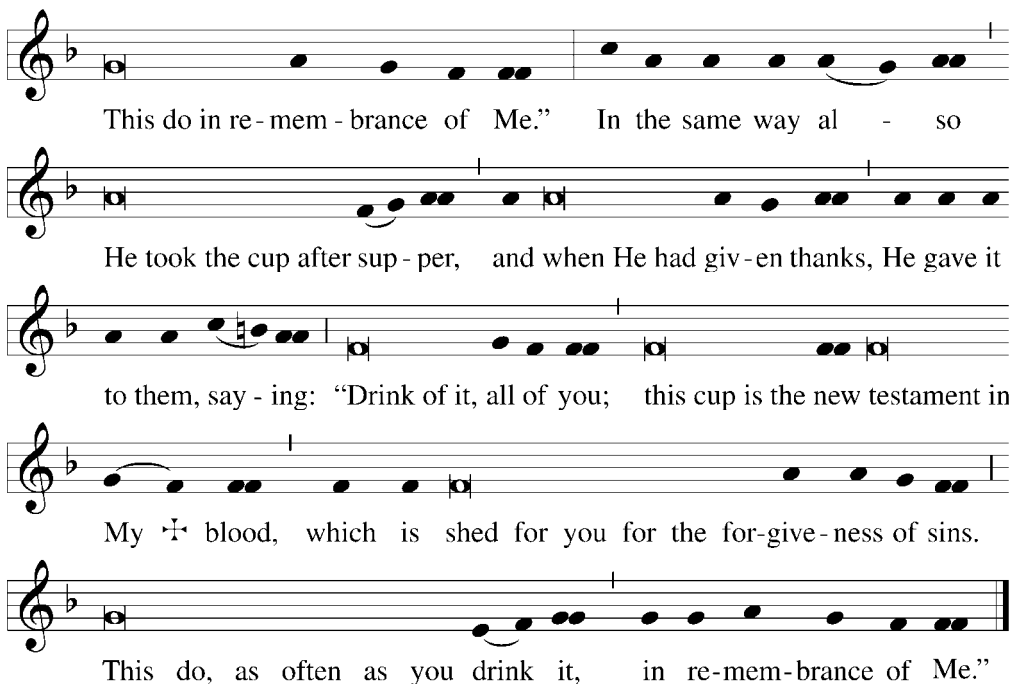
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



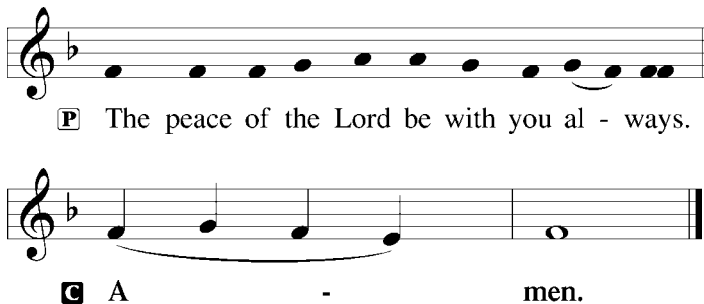
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ̄ bod - y, which is giv - en for you."



This do in re-mem-brance of Me.” In the same way al - so
 He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
 to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
 My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini


LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are:

LSB 199

Amen, Amen, and Amen.

When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:

LSB 199

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



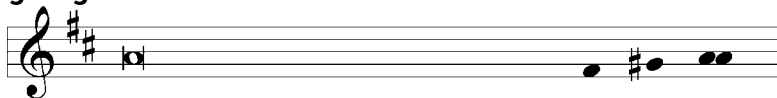
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



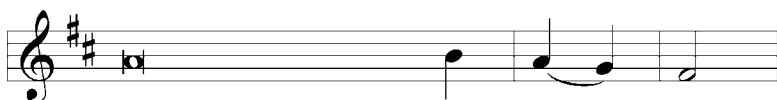
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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 in 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.



A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



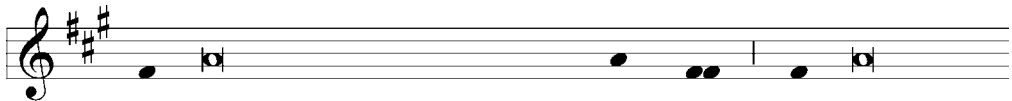
A Bless we the Lord.



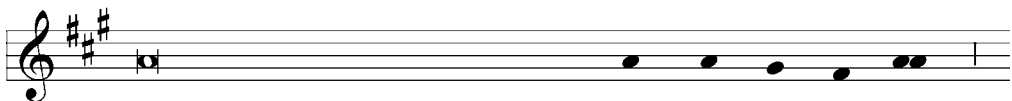
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

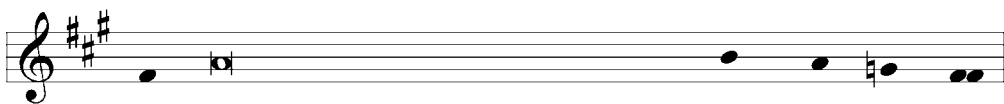
LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - dian
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
 new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
 still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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*As the postlude is played, all are invited to follow Pastor
 down the center aisle to the narthex as we greet one another there.*

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

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Parish Announcements

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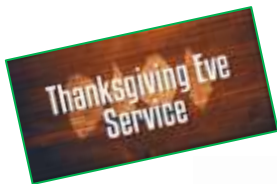
WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes." (Psalm 119:11-12.)
 Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

In addition to our **Divine Service** on Sunday at 10 am, and **Matins** on Tuesday at 11 am, we have opportunities to gather and study God's Holy Word:

Adult Bible Classes: Sunday at 8:30 and Tuesday at 11:30

Sunday School (ages 3+): Sunday at 8:30

Confirmation and Membership Classes: As requested



Join us **this Wednesday, the 27th**, for **Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 pm**
 Before you gather with family to eat turkey and watch football, come and share in Christ's Holy Meal with your church family at The Good Shepherd at the Thanksgiving Eve Service! Give thanks to the Lord for all He has done. In Jesus He has brought us forgiveness, life and salvation.
 Give thanks!

Voters Assembly meets **December 1** after *the Amani*. The agenda for the meeting includes approving the annual budget for 2020, and presentation of end-of-year reports from the congregational boards. Nominees for boards will be approved and elected to serve.

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings for November 17: \$705

Attendance: 29

Adult Bible Class/SS Attendance (Nov 17, 19): 11

Next Week, Dec 1

Altar Guild: [See Sheet in Narthex to Sign Up!](#)

Greeters: Matt & Emily

"Wake up!" Those are usually words we hear from someone in the morning as they urge us to get up from a night's rest. Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this Service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon. He calls us to remain faithful, strengthened in our faith by Word and Sacrament, for He who calls us is faithful and He will do it.



Advent Midweek Services begin **Wednesday, Dec 4** at 7 pm and will continue **Dec 11** and **Dec 18**. Plan to attend these Vespers services for midweek spiritual refreshment!

We will decorate the Church for Christmas after Divine Service on Dec 22. Plan to stay after and help a little or a lot: many hands make light work, and there will be refreshments!



Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service will be at 4 pm



Wednesday, December 25: Christ-Mass Service will be at 10 am.

WHAT DO LUTHERANS BELIEVE? WHO ARE WE?

In Sunday morning Bible Class, we've been watching a series of videos: "An Outsider Visits a Lutheran Church". A non-Lutheran visits a Lutheran church, and is given a tour of the symbols and meanings that are represented there. His host is Pr. Will Weedon of Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, Illinois. These videos are racking up the views on YouTube!

Have you ever wondered what Lutherans *really* believe? Or, what does it mean to be "Lutheran?" What is a Confessional Lutheran? What are the Lutheran Confessions anyway? What is the Reformation and why is it so important to Lutherans?



How is the Lutheran Church different from [American Evangelicalism](#), the Roman Catholic Church, or Orthodox Church bodies? What is [The Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod](#)?

Whether you are new to exploring the Christian faith in the Lutheran tradition or are already a Lutheran, it is good to step back and ask the basic questions. Fortunately, there are answers. You can find a lot of good resources about what Lutherans believe at [lcms.org](#), on the [beliefs page](#), in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the [Bible](#), [Doctrine](#), and [Lutheran Confessions](#). You can even get a good primer on the history of the Reformation at [LutheranReformation.org](#).

Once you've done all that, there may still be some things you ponder on and question. This is where Pastor Will Weedon comes in. He is formerly the Director of Worship and Chaplain of the [International Center](#) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Pastor Weedon gave Matt Whitman of YouTube channel [The Ten Minute Bible Hour](#) a wonderful and informative introduction to the Lutheran Church at [Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School](#) in Hamel, IL where Pr. Weedon serves as Assistant Pastor and Catechist. Pr. Weedon sat for a detailed theological Question & Answer session with Matt, and probably answered some of your questions too. Whether you are new to Lutheran beliefs or have been a life-long Lutheran, you may learn something.



Nov 30 Birthday Wishes to
Clinton, Gayle, Margaret

Dec 6 Birthday Wishes to
Marc

The end of the Church Year comes with questions. Will this be the last year before our Lord returns in His glory? When will He come? What will it be like? When He comes will I be on His right or on His left? This Last Sunday looks to the promise of eternal life: "the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting" is how we confess this truth in the words of

the Apostles' Creed. The people of faith receive eternal life in the presence of the Good Shepherd. But while the fulfillment and the reality of heaven are still in the future, the Word of God wants us to know and to take comfort in the fact that Jesus, our King, is reigning even now. Though the darkness of sin and the fear of death continue to lurk and tempt, Jesus continues to be the Light of the world. The last word is that we do not fear because God has rescued and transferred us to the saving and loving reign of His Son, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Joyfully we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Food Ingathering for Lutheran Social Services during November: LWML

would like to invite you to bring canned or other nonperishable goods to church on the Sundays throughout November to help the needy through LSS in the Long Beach area. Please put your donations on the long table in the narthex. Thank you for sharing with others during this month of our national Thanksgiving. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**



The Fall 2019 LWML Women of the Word is in the Narthex for you to pick up. It is all about the PSD District Convention 2020 in Palm Springs. If you don't see a copy, see Karina.

HYMN OF THE DAY: WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING (LSB 516) Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying is as specific to the Last Sunday of the Church Year as is any hymn to any particular Sunday. Along with How Lovely Shines the Morning Star it is written by the



Lutheran Pastor Phillip Nicolai (1599). These hymns are lovingly referred to as the King and Queen of the Chorales, with Wachtet auf (Wake, Awake...) being the King. You will hear it in various arrangements associated with the Christian wedding. Beyond its clear confession of Christ's return, it entails some beautiful hidden gems. Each stanza is written in the shape of a chalice, alluding to the Christ and the host of heaven who join us in the Lord's Supper. The German original contains three initials at the beginning of each stanza: 1 – W, 2 – Z, and 3 – G. These correspond to the title (Graf zu Waldeck, Count of Waldeck) of Count Wilhelm Ernst a student of Nicolai's who died a year

before. The hymn's specific occasion for writing was a horrible plague that claimed thousands with as many as 30 people being buried daily. Their committals were said to be in view of Nicolai from his office window. Thus it serves as a comfort to the dying and their families, causing it to be appropriately not just at weddings but also funerals. It is based primarily on Matthew 25; the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Earlier translations both in TLH and LW missed the reference to the Lord's Supper in stanza two (Das Abendmahl). LSB has rightly restored it. The hymn makes the text seen to its hearers and leads one from the beckoning of the Word of God to the Supper to full participation with Christ and all the saints in heaven. (*Pastor Adrian Sherrill for Logia Online*)

We Pray For...

Abai – peace of mind, clarity, direction (K)



Alice –
recovering from
surgery

Bonnie:Pr's
cousin - liver
cancer

Charles:Pr's
brother – heart
issues

Charlotte:Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr.
Kollie – financial, strength (L)

Clinton – recovering from surgery; grieving

The Conrad Family – our missionaries in
Mexico

Cynthia – our TGSLC shut-in

Dalton – chronic sciatica

David: DD shut-in

Debra: Jod's cousin - recovering from
cancer

**The DeGroot Family and St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church** – our missionaries in
Albuquerque

Deneice – breast cancer recovery

Rev. Ed Killian – recovering from systemic
bacterial infections

Hope Evangelical-Lutheran Church,
Fremont, CA – as it goes through the
process of calling a new pastor

Rev. James Kollie:Jamesetta's father and
our Missionary in Liberia (L)

Janice – breast cancer recovery

Jod – peace of mind, attacks from the
Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident

Johnathan – strengthening of faith

Katheryn:Karina's mother - various health
issues

Kevin – at university

Lucy – peace of mind, strength,
resettlement process (K)

Lynette – strengthening of faith

Marc – complications with diabetes

Marie – recovering from surgery

Marilyn:Stephen's mother - various health
issues

Marion and her family – various health
issues around the country

Marjorie – bladder cancer

Martin – financial, various health (K)

Naomi:seminary student – chronic heart
issues (K)

Olivier:seminary student – chronic headaches,
exams

Rodgers – employment (K)

Royce – health issues

Stephen – COPD, other health issues

Stephen K – prostate cancer

Susan – financial, good health (K)

Family of Thomas:Clinton's brother -
grieving their loss

Tuomo – severe attacks from the Enemy as
he shares the Word (K)

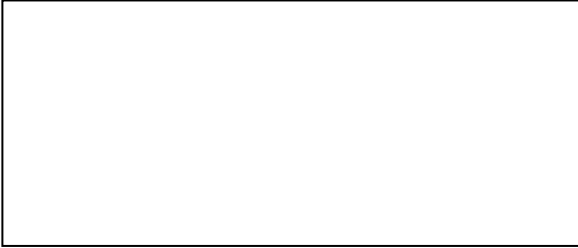
*(K) – person
living in Kenya*

*(L) – person
living in
Liberia*



Sermon Notes

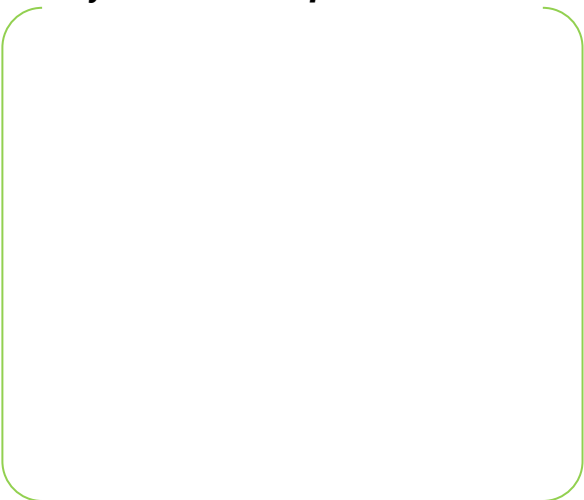
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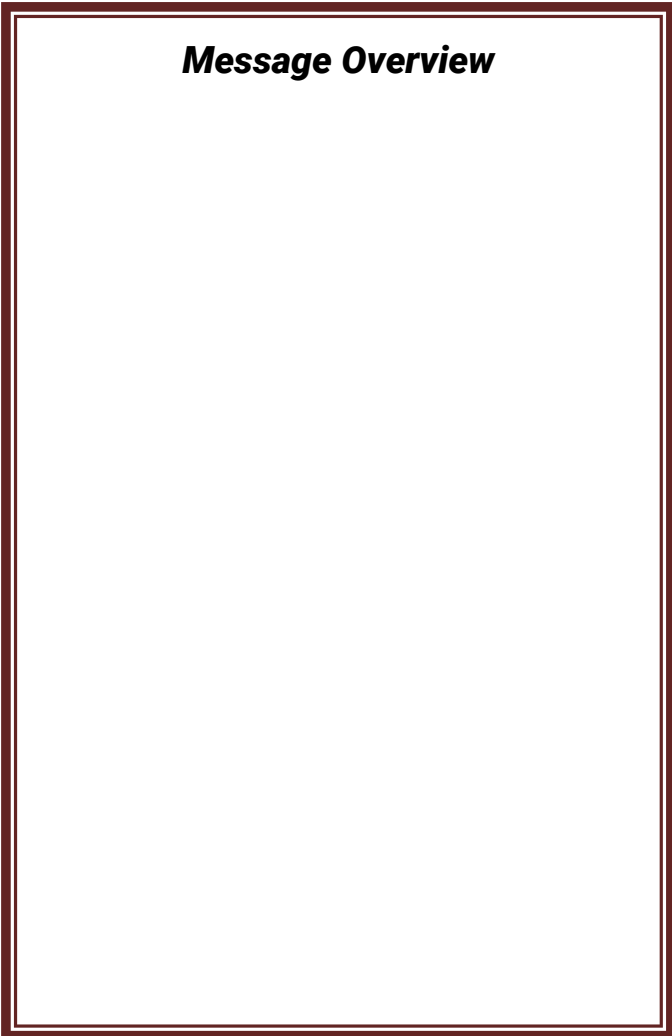
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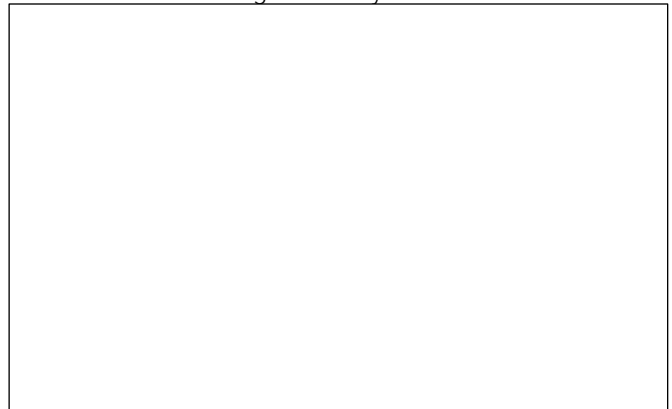
Key Points on Gospel/Grace/Love

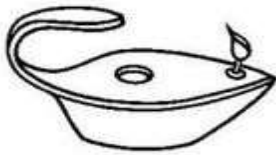


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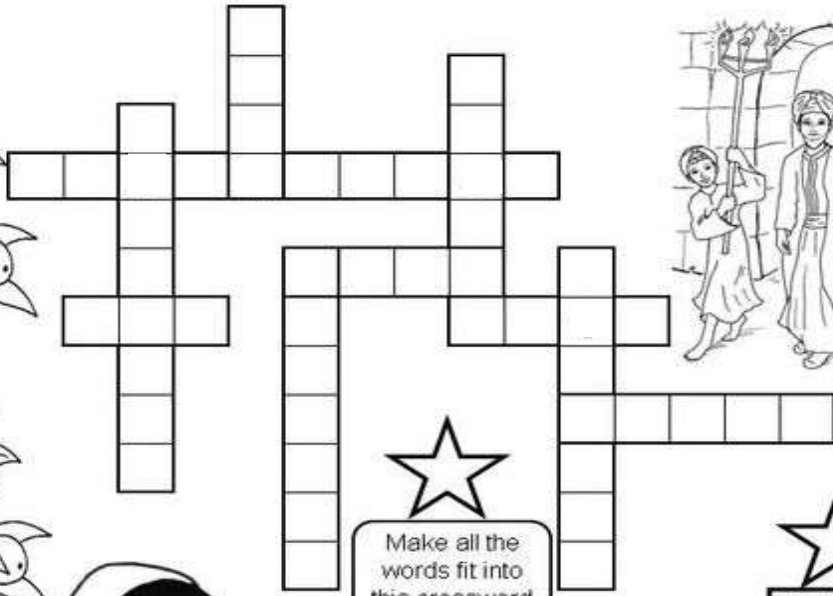
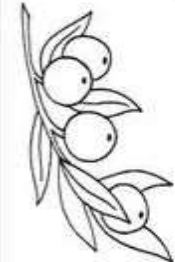
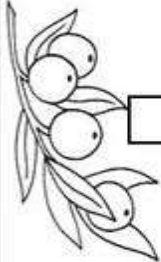


Things to Study Further





The Parable of Ten Virgins



Make all the words fit into this crossword



- Wedding**
- Lamps**
- Five**
- Foolish**
- Wise**
- Oil**
- Bridegroom**
- Door**
- Closed**
- Midnight**

