PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

> **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.
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> **Quiet room** Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.
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> A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: WATCH FOR THE FINAL EVENTS

The Christian Church year walks through the life of Christ and the life of Christ's Church. The new Church year begins November 29. During these last three Sundays of the current year, we turn our attention to what God tells about the last age of this world (which we have been in ever since Christ's first coming – see Hebrews 1:1-2). At a time we do not know, Jesus will return in glory to bring His people the joyful final deliverance of the resurrection of the dead and what the Bible calls the new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21). Today God's Word urges His people to be prepared and ready as we **Watch for the Final Events.**

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Two ..... pg. 172 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	**953**	*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
Psalm of the Day (10:30 & 6:30)	**Psalm 90**	page 90 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	**486**	*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*
Distribution Hymns	**495**	*The King Shall Come*
	668	*Jesus Comes Today with Healing*
Closing Hymn	**884**	*Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See*

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Isaiah 52:1–6
Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25:1–13

Sermon **Matthew 25:1-13**

Not *If*, but *When*

LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL (LPS) BRASS CHOIR

LPS is one of our two Synod run high schools whose sole mission is to encourage young people to become pastors, teachers or staff ministers. The LPS Brass Choir is one of the school's touring ensembles. It is focused on preparing sacred music for chapel, concerts, visiting local congregations, as well as on campus concerts. The Brass Choir is currently directed by Prof. Lucas Krogmann. This year's members are: Trumpets - Micaiah Backus, Zippy Drake, Abby Gensmer, Isaiah Naumann, Hannah Schewe, Gabe Sulzle Trombone/Baritone - Steven Gustafson (Peace Member), Josiah Sulzle, Caleb Zahn.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard ..... Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Musicians..... Luther Preparatory School Brass Choir
LES Grades 7 & 8 Teachers .....Mrs. Sarah Bilitz, Mr. Steve White, Mr. Justin Wintrone
Projection Slides ..... Brittany Kuehl

FIRST READING **Isaiah 52:1–6**

[1]Wake, awake!
Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion.
Put on your beautiful garments,
Jerusalem, you holy city,
for never again will the uncircumcised
and the unclean enter you.
[2]Shake off the dust.
Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem.
Loosen the chains from your neck,
you captive daughter of Zion.
[3]Yes, this is what the LORD says.
You were sold for nothing,
and you will be redeemed without money.
[4]Yes, this is what the LORD God says.
In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while.
Later Assyria oppressed them without cause.
[5]Now what do I have here? declares the LORD.
Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing.
Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD.
My name is continually despised all day.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name.
So on that day they will know that I am the one—
the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LES GRADES 7 & 8 (8:00 am Service) *Christus Victor*

The congregation is invited to join in the last verse and refrain.

PSALM OF THE DAY (10:30 am & 6:30 pm Services) **Psalm 90**

SECOND READING — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

[1]Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, [2]for you
yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When
people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor
pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. [4]But you, brothers, are not in
the dark so that this day could take you by surprise like a thief, [5]for you are all sons of the light
and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep
like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.
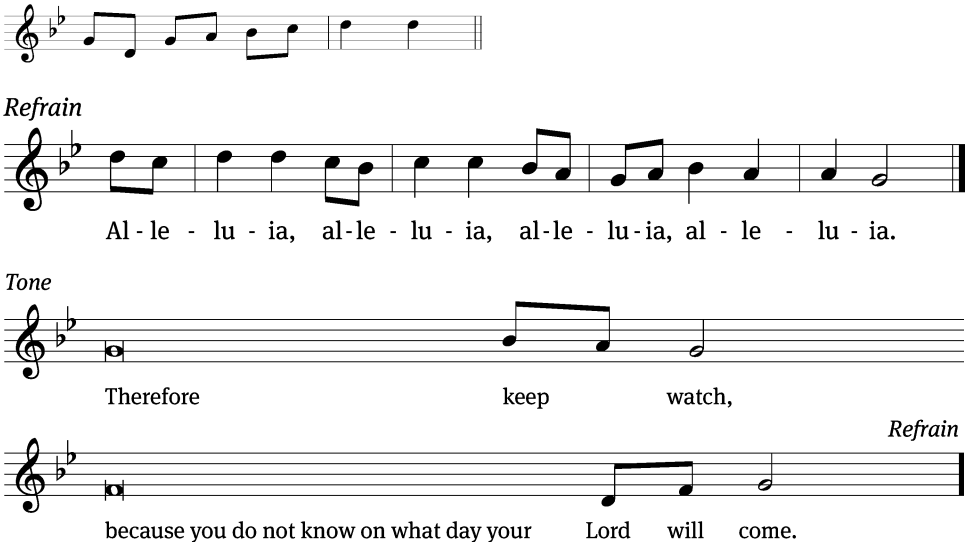
[7]To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.
[8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and
the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9]You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]He died for us, so that whether we are awake or
asleep, we may live together with him. [11]Therefore, encourage one another and build each
other up, just as you are also doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — Matthew 24:42



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GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1–13**

1"'At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the
foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; 4but the wise took oil in their
containers with their lamps. 5While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and
fell asleep. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give
us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, 'No, there may
not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for
yourselves.' 10But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11Later, the other
virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' 12But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not
know you.' 13Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.''

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* | **CW 486**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal and gracious Father, Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.

Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.

Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.

Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can. Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.

Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.

Special Intercessions

Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that our real home is with you forever. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows-for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

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