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Divine Service I

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: TBD

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kathy Capriotti & Kim Collina

Fellowship: Today's fellowship snacks are provided by Rick & Peg Holtz.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Louis & Kathy Capriotti in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

Stand

Invocation

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

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 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!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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.

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

- ¹⁷“For behold, 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.

Gradual

Ps. 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.

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Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

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."

Sit

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

Sermon

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Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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Sit

Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament. You are encouraged to use this time to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament; appropriate prayers are found in the front cover of the hymnal. Visitors, please review the communion statement in the front of the bulletin.

Offering may be left at either of the doors to the sanctuary.

Stand

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

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Proclamation of Christ

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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Praise Be to Christ

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Come, Let Us Eat

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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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+VDM A+

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Kevin Boyd, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Alberta Helmke, Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), David Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's brother-in-law), Donna Primuth, Toni Marshman, and Vicky Basquez (Kathy Vescova's daughter-in-law).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22+

- ✘ **THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE** is this Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 pm. This is a regular Divine Service with no attendance restrictions.
- ✘ **SPOKEN DIVINE SERVICE:** The Wednesday evening spoken Divine Service is moving to Sunday mornings at 7:45 am beginning November 29th. This is to allow for Advent Evening Prayer on Wednesdays. Attendance will still be limited to 20 and sign-up is required. This service is meant only for those with serious covid concerns; it is not an "early service" for those who prefer the time. The Wednesday morning service will remain unchanged. As always, you may contact Pastor Roemke at any time if you would like to come in for individual communion.

- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK:** Advent meals and Evening Prayer services begin Wednesday, December 2nd. A sign-up sheet for the first potluck is up in the hallway.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** The sign-up sheet for poinsettias is up in the hallway. Payments are due by Sunday, November 29th.
- ✘ **FELLOWSHIP SNACKS:** We are in need of people to provide cookies and juice on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet near the kitchen in the hallway.
- ✘ **GREETERS NEEDED:** If you would be willing to help greet people on Sunday mornings, please speak to Mary Rusch. All that is required is to come a little bit early and greet people as they arrive.
- ✘ **USHERS NEEDED:** We also need more ushers. Please speak to Mark Varvil if you can serve in this way.
- ✘ **BIBLE STUDY:** For the next few weeks, the high schoolers are invited to sit in on the adult Bible study.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,460
Lord's Work Received 11/15-11/21:	4,369
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-91
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-6,420

ATTENDANCE 11/15: 82 Communed: 73

BIRTHDAYS

11/22 Casey Blair
 11/24 Abby Hiebert-Schultz
 Brooke Koch
 11/25 Stephanie Zuehls

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

11/25 Mary Anne Enriquez

ANNIVERSARIES

11/24 Louie & Kathy Capriotti (47 years)
 Jim & Mary Sandberg (36 years)

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	Nov. 25	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Divine Service
Wednesday	Dec. 2	5:45 pm	Advent Potluck Meal
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	Dec. 9	5:45 pm	Advent Potluck Meal
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	Dec. 16	5:45 pm	Advent Potluck Meal
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer