# The Kast Sunday of the Church Year

"The Sunday of the Ten Virgins"
"The Second Coming of Christ"



"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Quatthew 25:13

November 24, 2024

#### Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask visitors who are not members of the LCMS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

#### **Those Serving Us**

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Emily Escritt (10:45 a.m.)

Trumpeter: Bradley Adams

Kantors: Bambi Heckerman (8 a.m.); Junior Men's Kantorei (10:45 a.m.)

#### **The Word In Music**

Prelude: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" – Settings by Nigel Williams & Jacob

B. Weber

Offering: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" – Setting by Johann G. Walther Distribution: "What God Ordains is Always Good" – Setting by Elizabeth Grimpo (10:45 a.m.)

Postlude: THAXED – Setting by Gene Roberson

**Kantor notes:** Today's hymn of the day, "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (WACHET AUF), is frequently nicknamed the "king of chorales," with "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" as the queen. Both are by the 16<sup>th</sup> century pastor, poet, and composer Philipp Nicolai. The hymn beautifully gives description of today's Gospel text and the joy of the wise virgins in the parable as they rejoice at the bridegroom's coming. Not surprisingly, this chorale has been set in multiple ways by composers throughout the centuries. Today's 8 a.m. gradual (from Bach's Cantata 140) is one notable example. As we sing this and our other hymns today, we anticipate the joy that will be ours as we "eternally sing hymns of praise and joy" to Christ at His Coming!

"Hymn of the Season: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB 940) (<a href="https://www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns">www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns</a>)

#### **Divine Service Setting 1**

## 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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** LSB 151

**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 cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

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

**Absolution**LSB 151

- 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** 

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!

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.

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Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

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 Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>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.

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

<sup>22</sup>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.

<sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>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.

- This is the Word of the Lord.  $[\mathbf{A}]$
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Text: LSB 516:3) "Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing"

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. ⁶For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For 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. ¹¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1–13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>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.' <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

<sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying 1 "Wake, a - wake, for night ing," is fly -The watch-men on 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with 3 Now all the heav'ns a - dore 1et Thee. Let saints and an - gels heights are cry - ing; a - rise!" "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from joy her gloom. be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est sing tone. Mid-night hears the wel-come voic at the thrill-ing es And her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in For Of one pearl each shin - ing por Where, join-ing with the tal, 0 "Oh, where are ye, ye gins wise? re - joic - es: vir cry is ris'n, her truth vic - to - rious; Her star light is come. choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne. Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, seen the light, No has heard the might No eye has ear Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your-selves pre -Hail! Ho - san - na! We all The en - ter wed - ding hall Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E ter - nal ly 0 is near." To the Bride-groom, who meet To eat the Sup - per Thy call. at of Thee! hymns praise and joy to

**Sermon** "Watch" *Matthew 25:1-13* 

Stand

#### **Nicene Creed**

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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Sit

#### **Offering**

Stand

#### Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

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.

#### **Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . 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.

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

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**

#### 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



- us, "Come to the wed-ding feast." 1 The Bride-groom soon will call
- dear Re-deem-er's face; glo - ry Our e - vil For 2 There shall we see in
- vil For ev er make us free. 3 There God shall from all
- fair home shall nev er Be 4 In that si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease. us heav'n-ly joy takes place: long - a - wait - ed Of sto ry From sin and from the ad - ver - si - ty, dev From all il, With hearts and lips for - ev shall in God re - joice, We er



e - nough and more May our lamps be burn - ing With oil The proph-ets' ho - ly pa - tri - archs shall meet us, band; From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears, While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him find door! re - turn - ing, May an o-pen A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet that ce - les - tial land. In And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness wipe And a - way our tears. The Giv - er of the might - y hymn for prais - ing feast.

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#### 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



- 1 The day is sure ly draw-ing near When Je sus, God's a-noint ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o-pened then to all, A rec-ord tru-ly tell-ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car nal plea-sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear judge whom God As be - neath the ground And all who rest Shall from their sleep What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was de-spised His pre-cious Word Who here And loved their earth - lv



point - ed. wak - en. dwell - ing, trea - sures! Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on God's al-But all who live will in that hour, By ev - 'ry heart be And clear - ly seen, And all be With shame and trem-bling they will stand And the at



flames shall rav - age earth As might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- And for my sin was smitten;
  Within the Book of Life I know
  My name has now been written.
  I will not doubt, for I am free,
  And Satan cannot threaten me;
  There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
  And through His blood and merit
  Read from His book that we are free
  With all who life inherit.

Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.



- 1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: By schisms rent a - sun - der, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion By wa - ter and the Word. One Lord, one faith, one birth. By her - e - sies dis-tressed, Of peace for - ev - er - more With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - lv bride: Par - takes one ho - ly ho - ly name she bless - es, One food, saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" Yet vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are Till with the bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for And to one hope she press - es With ev And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be That we, like saints be - fore us, May see

And for her life He died. grace With ev - 'ry en - dued. the morn of song. the Church at rest. May see You face to face.

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Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 164

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 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.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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.

### 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



- 1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
- 2 The band of the a pos tles in glo ry sing Your praise;
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glo ry, the ev er last ing Son,
- 4 You sit in splen did glo ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored. The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing, The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng, You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir-gin's womb, We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring: Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song: Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb; So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; all - ma - jes - tic "O Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son, Your res - ur - rec - tion Then by You won for us re-prieve with saints be May we num-bered where prais-es nev-er



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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#### **Opportunities for Growth**

| 8:00 a.m.      | Divine Service   |
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| 9:30 a.m.      | Sunday School/Bible Study  |
| 10:45 a.m.     | Divine Service   |
| 12:30 p.m.     | Harvest Potluck  |
| 6:00 p.m.      | Bell Choir   |
| 7:00 p.m.      | Thanksgiving Eve Service   |
| 5:00-7:00 p.m. | NO Christ Academy  |
| 9:00 a.m.      | Men's Bible Study  |
| 8:00 a.m.      | Divine Service   |
| 9:30 a.m.      | Sunday School/Bible Study  |
| 10:45 a.m.     | Divine Service   |
|                | 9:30 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>5:00-7:00 p.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m. |

#### **The Congregation at Prayer**

Those ill or recovering: Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Miles Maurice (grandson of Joel & Paulette Maurice), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony and Shirley Gust), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Arla Mae Eber (mother of Julie Moreno), Jack Gray, Christine Circo

Paul Johnson, and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt - (**Thank you** to those who have supported our missionaries through the recent door offerings. With your special offerings, we have reached half of our \$10,000 goal. Mission offerings can continue to be made through the end of the year.)

#### **News and Notes**

**The flowers** on the altar today are to the glory of God and in honor of Bob and Diane Machmuller's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Harvest Dinner Potluck** is today, after late service beginning about 12:30 p.m. after late service. Please join us and enjoy great fellowship. See you there!!!

No Christ Academy this week.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** – Please join us Wednesday evening at 7:00pm for worship.

**Poinsettias -** It is time to order poinsettias for the sanctuary. Cost is \$8.00 per plant. See the insert in today's bulletin. Deadline for ordering is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**You're Invited!** The Christmas Trees Scavenger Hunt will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Burris residence. All proceeds will go to Midlands Animal Shelter. Talk to Julia or Dale for more information.

#### **Catechism**

#### The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments? He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 10:5-6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear his wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

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