

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8 & 11, 2026

As We Gather

Waiting is part of life, and the Church waits for the return of Jesus. In today's Gospel, He pictures His coming as the arrival of a bridegroom and calls us to be ready. Our hope rests in the Savior who died and rose for us, gives us His forgiveness, and sustains our faith through His Word and Sacraments. As we wait, we encourage one another with His promise of resurrection and serve the neighbors He places beside us.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (LSB 515) *sts. 1, 4*

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 70:1

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
C **O LORD, make haste to help me!**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God, who is our help and our deliverer.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess the ways that our worship has fallen into empty words, disconnected from the life to which You have called us. We confess that we have been inattentive in our waiting for Christ's return. Forgive us, renew us, and call us back to You, that we may wait with hope and joy, 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. He does not delay! His righteousness flows like an ever-flowing stream. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

C **at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

P How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C **Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!**

P For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C **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.

C **No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

P O LORD of hosts,

C **blessèd is the one who trusts in You!**

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,

C **at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Kyrie

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;**
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C **1 To God on high be glory**
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your church to wait for her Bridegroom with repentance and hope. Call to our attention the ways we have been unprepared for Christ's return, that we may meet Him with joy when the eternal wedding feast commences; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
  Why would you have the day of the LORD?
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.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
  and gloom with no brightness in it?
"I hate, I despise your feasts,
  and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
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.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
  to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
  and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

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

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

Alleluia *LSB 205*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse *Matthew 25:13*

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia *LSB 205*

C **Alleluia, 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.**

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 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.' 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. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 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.**

Hymn Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (LSB 516)

sts. 1, 3

Series: Faithful to the Last

Sermon: Faithful in the Waiting *Matthew 25:1-13*

Catechism *The Second Article*

C **I believe 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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church (Hear our prayer)

P ... Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering

We Give Thee But Thine Own (LSB 781) *sts. 1, 4–5*

1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

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✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 208-212 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 208*

Sanctus *LSB 208*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Distribution Hymns

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LSB 685)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past (LSB 733) *sts. 1–6*
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (LSB 563)
O Lord, We Praise Thee (LSB 617)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are T forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benedicamus *LSB 212*

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (LSB 708)

sts. 1, 3

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