

**Messiah Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod**



**The Last Sunday of the Church
Year
November 23, 2014
Divine Service I**

Matthew 25:4 “....but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom’s words and believed them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

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

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

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 may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Don Moe

Ushers: Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Kathy Capriotti & Bonnie Griepentrog

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Brothers.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by the Brothers in honor of Lindsey's and Veronica's birthdays.

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+

Entrance Hymn God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

CLA Choir

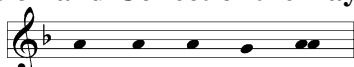
Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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

¹⁷For 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;

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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Sermon

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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Benediction

Come, Thou Almighty King

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ✘ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women's Bible Study is supporting.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Pastor Hackbarth (recovering from a brain bleed), Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch suffering from cancer), Ann Becht (Bev Murakami's sister suffering from liver cancer), Jerry Tobalsky, and Marilyn Dissen.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2014+

THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE will be this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

VOTERS MEETING: We will have a congregational voters meeting on Sunday, December 7th after the service. Please plan to attend.

MARY KAY FUNDRAISER: Do you know anyone who uses Mary Kay skin and cosmetics and would like a rare discount? Want to shop for gifts early and help CLA? For November only, you can purchase products at a 25% discount, and CLA will receive a matching donation. Today is the last day; please talk to Lauri Trapp to make an order.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY FESTIVAL: will be Saturday, December 6th from 4:30 to 6:30. This event is intended as an outreach to the community as well as a way to make people more aware of CLA. It will be lots of fun for kids of all ages. There will be crafts, Christmas caroling, snacks, and of course, a visit from St. Nicholas himself. Please use the flyer in your bulletin to share this event with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. If you would like additional flyers, please see Lesa.

BISCOTTI & BAKLAVA: Christ Lutheran Academy's Annual Biscotti & Baklava fundraiser is now available for your orders. We have added French Macarons this year as well. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please support CLA by ordering these delectable treats for you and your family. They make wonderful gifts too! Orders will be delivered on Sunday, December 7th.

POINSETTIAS: The chart to sign-up for Christmas poinsettias is in the fellowship hall. We will only order flowers that have been paid for, so

