



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 19, 2017

Common Service with Communion
Third Sunday of End Time
Christian Worship p. 15

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HYMN: *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying*, CW 206

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:1-6

Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. ² Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now a captive. ³ For this is what the Lord says:

"You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed."

⁴ For this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. ⁵ "And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord.

“For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the Lord. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. ⁶ Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

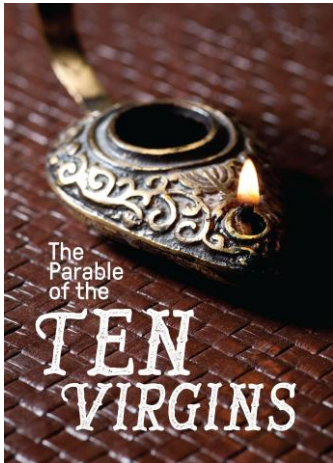
PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 84, CW p. 96

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13



“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray,*
CW 472

SERMON

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Theme: Always keep watching!

- I. Why is it necessary to always keep watching?
- II. In what does this watching consist?

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *Who Knows When Death,* CW
210

CLOSING HYMN: *O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking,*
CW 220

To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week: November 19-25

Today

10:30 am Bible Class, Sunday School, & Ignite Youth Group

Tuesday

7:00 pm WE meeting to make care packages

Wednesday

No Confirmation Classes

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Mission Festival – Next Sunday



We will be observing our Annual Mission Festival next Sunday, November 26. There will be a basket in the narthex for a special free will offering for WELS missions.

Decorating the Church for Christmas



On Sunday, November 26th following the 9 am service, everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the Advent season. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School that day. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please contact Leslie Stelling with any questions.

Women of Emmanuel Meeting



WE (Women of Emmanuel) will be meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 7 pm to make care packages to send to our college and prep students. If you have non-perishable food items that you would like to include in these care packages, please bring them in by the 21st so they can be included. Please see Sarah Dahlke or Leslie Stelling with any questions.

Poinsettias for the Altar – Ordering Earlier!



*ORDER YOUR
Poinsettias*

Please consider ordering a Poinsettia to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. This year we will be ordering the poinsettia's earlier and placing them on the altar for the first Advent Service. You may take your plant home following the Christmas Day service.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Payment method - please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Poinsettia" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Poinsettia".

Deadline to order is November 26th

If you have questions, please talk to Michelle Rust.

Church and School Cleaning Team for November

Julie Wagner, leader, Tom Parker, Maynard Huth

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 104

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open

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