

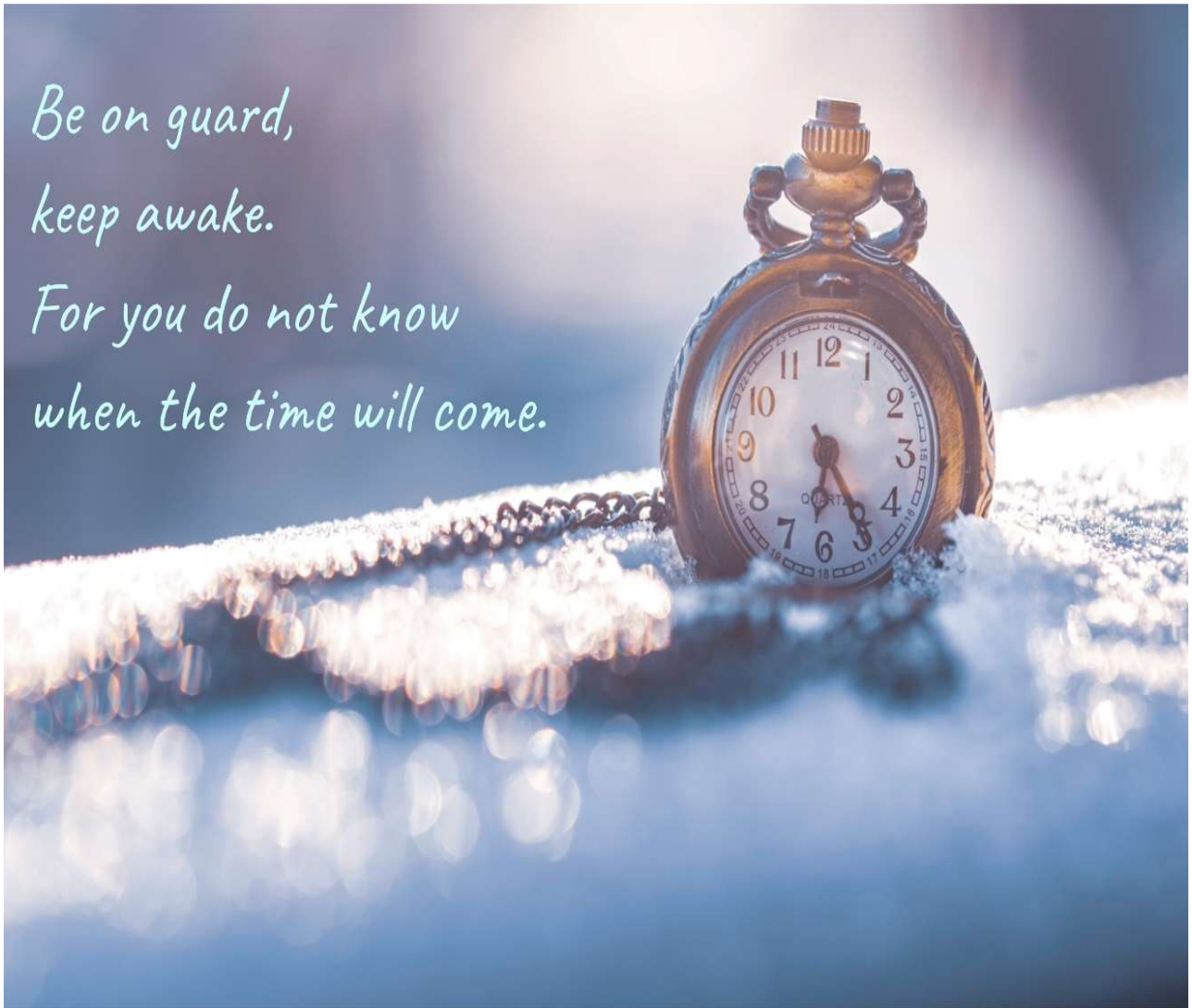
“Watch”

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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*Be on guard,
keep awake.
For you do not know
when the time will come.*



WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. When we approach the altar, we publicly declare our unity in faith. God's Word tells us that Jesus' Body and Blood are REALLY PRESENT in the bread and wine. The bread and wine do not merely "stand for" Jesus' Body and Blood, for Jesus said, "This is my body and this is my blood," and we accept this mystery (Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-33). In the LORD's Supper, God gives, as a gift to us, His love and forgiveness and strengthens our faith.

Jesus calls us to prepare for the LORD's Supper by believing what the Bible says with regard to sin, by repenting of our sins, and believing Christ's real presence in the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). We ask both members and guests to examine the questions below before taking Communion:

1. Do I believe that God's Word is entirely "inspired" and without error?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and blood?
5. Do I believe that my sins are forgiven and that my faith is strengthened in Holy Communion?
6. Is it my intent, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in this Sacrament, to live a Godly life?

If you have any doubts or do not understand our beliefs about Communion, please refrain from participating at this time. Call our pastor. He would be happy to help you understand the meaning and blessings of this special "Means of Grace."

Our church is a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, an international church,
bold to share the love of Christ with all nationalities.
Our Common bond is loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the only guide in
matters of faith and life.

SERVICE SIGN-UPS: The sign-up sheets are on the back table. All members are encouraged to sign-up to help in some way for any service.

TODAY'S **ELDERS:** Chris Pownell & Dennis Anderson
 GREETER:
 READER: Craig Crismon
 ACOLYTE: Mackenzie Konrad

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP: We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Please fill out the record of fellowship in the Red Book in each pew. We ask that each person check all the appropriate boxes and fill out their information on one line of the sheet and pass it on to the next person in the pew. For families, place each member on a new line. It is our hope that we will be able to better care for you with this information.

GREETING - *The peace of the Lord may be shared.*

OPENING HYMN

1 O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds
form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

O WORSHIP THE KING

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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INVOCATION

based on John 3:16; 8:36; Romans 5:1

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
People: **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 130*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Today we kneel humbly before Him, our king, confessing the truth that we have sinned against our creator's clear commands. Let us make our heartfelt petition for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: **Most merciful Lord, whose majesty has been shown to all nations by Your triumph over all sin and death on Your glorious cross, from Your exalted throne at the right hand of the Father You live and reign over all creation. Receive our humble plea for mercy, life, and forgiveness of our sin, and grant to us Your enlivening grace by speaking Your liberating word of truth.**

Pastor: "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ that Jesus forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

⁹As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; ⁴its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark beginning at the twelfth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

²⁴But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

NICENE CREED

C: 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

DANIEL 7:9–10, 13-14

¹³I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

REVELATION 1:4–8

and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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MARK 13:24-37

all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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

*The ancient text: one holy catholic and apostolic Church
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON HYMN

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh-
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

God was there upon His throne.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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SERMON

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MARK 13:24-37

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, Lord and king of all creation, we give You thanks for all of Your blessings You have given to all beyond any worthiness or merit of our own. We praise You especially for Your holy church throughout the world of all ages, for preserving Your Word and Sacraments and providing faithful pastors to preach and administer Your grace. Keep them in purity of doctrine and all Your people in confident faith. Protect us in any tribulation or danger, and strengthen our hope in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, grant that Your grace guide and protect all who are in authority, especially in our own country. Keep all people in safety by means of Your gifts of mercy and truth, righteousness and peace. Defend all who labor and grant that all may grow in useful knowledge that we may live in freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comfort, O God, all who are in any trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, [*especially* . . .]. Show us Your mercy that we may live our days in safety and health. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION HYMN

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

COMMUNION HYMN

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Let them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 This the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render;

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
And praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

Comes to gladden faithful hearts
Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!

4 For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOCUS FORWARD SHIRTS: You are now able to order your very own “Theme Shirt.” There are several options. Check out the sign-up sheet on the back table. The order will be available until next Sunday, Dec. 1.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Everyone is welcome to our Thanksgiving worship this Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 PM.as we take time to celebrate and be grateful for all that God has done.

MT OLIVE BIRTHDAYS: Those being remembered in December with a birthday on the 5's or those 90 years and older include:

Trudy Paulson on Dec. 2nd

Margaret Snover on Dec. 3rd

Joyce Schoenbeck on Dec. 4

Please remember these ladies with cards or letters, phone calls and prayers.

NEW DIRECTORIES: The picture directories are in the mail boxes for people who had their pictures taken or submitted, for those with health issues that could not make their appointments and for new members. So, check your box!

CHURCH DECORATING: Christmas decorating will be Sat. Dec. 7th at 10AM. Help especially needed to decorate the tall tree and all help is appreciated.

CAROLING- CAROLING: Christmas Caroling is planned for Tuesday, Dec 17. Meet at the church at 10 AM and we will we go out to home bound and group homes to spread some Christmas cheer. We have books and all voices are welcome and needed! We will break for lunch and finish about 2PM. Join us for any part of the day that works for you. It is the best thing we can do to celebrate the season!

PHOTO WALL: The Christmas season is a wonderful time to submit a photo for the wall at church. Digital pictures may be sent directly to the church and if you submit a photo, the size we are using is 3" wide by 5"high. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS Mt Olive Sunday School children will be sharing the Christmas story in their program on Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 PM. The Teens for Christ will be serving a wonderful meal following the program.

LIFE QUOTES: November 24 “In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Habershtock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”*

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES: Isaiah 51:6 – “**For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.**” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.