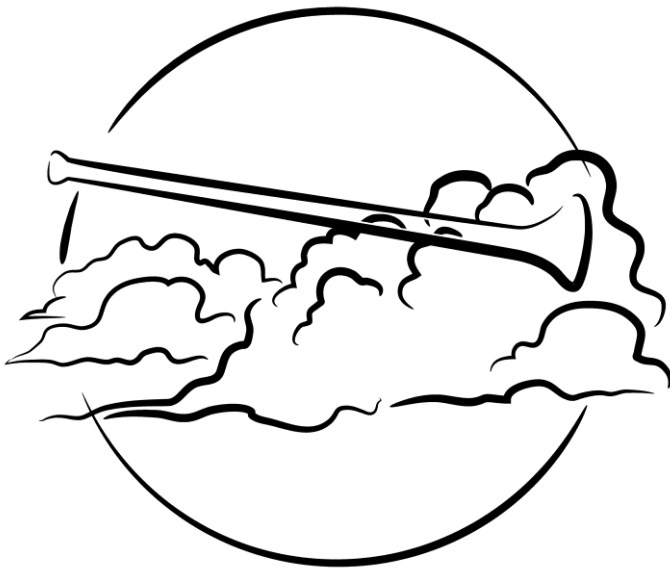


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**HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ..... LSB 802

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**INTROIT** Ps. 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3

*P: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

**C: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!**

*P: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed! 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. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.**

*P: No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!*

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

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup> "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> Take away from Me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup> But

let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said, "Then 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.**

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**HYMN** "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" ..... *LSB 663*

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" ..... *LSB 622*

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (November 12-19, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

**Monday:** Board of Education, 4:00pm; Board of Elders, 6:00pm

**Tuesday:** Church Council, 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am; Quilters, 9:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending November 5, 2017)**

General & Building Funds: \$11,199.96; Blessings: \$110.10; Road Sign: \$65.00

Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 136

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**Military BibleStick Ministry** presentation is taking place today, at the beginning of the education hour. A free-will offering will be taken to put the Scriptures into the hands of our military and their families.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30pm. No Thursday evening service that week.

## **“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“We live in H.O.P.E. – Having Optimism Pending Eternity. Because no matter what happens, we know that He loves us and our future is secure.” *Diane Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life –* ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))