



# Just What Is the Day of the Lord?

## *St. John's Lutheran Church*

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**“Sharing the good news of forgiveness and eternal life  
through Jesus Christ.”**

*November 21, 2021*

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or dispose of it in our recycling bin.  
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## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**Isaiah 65:17–25**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

**Matthew 25:1–13**

### ***By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return***

*“The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”* (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *“For you know neither the day nor the hour”* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

### **Silent Preservice Meditation and Prayer**

*Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **Music for Reflection**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Announcements**

### **Baptism of Audrey**

### **Gathering Hymn**

#### **503 O Day Full of Grace**

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,  
Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime,  
Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
All darkness and shame removing.
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,  
When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone  
That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.
- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.

- 5 When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels His name adoring.

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## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup>Watch this, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth,  
and the former things will not be remembered,  
and they will not come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever because of what I am creating.  
Watch this, I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness,  
and her people will be a source of joy.

<sup>19</sup>I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,  
and I will rejoice over my people.

The sound of weeping will not be heard again in her,  
nor will the sound of crying.

<sup>20</sup>There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days,  
or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,  
for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man,  
and one who fails to attain a hundred years old will be regarded as cursed.

<sup>21</sup>Then they will build houses and inhabit them.  
They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They will not build a house and have another person live in it.  
They will not plant and have another person eat the crop,  
for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree,  
and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They will not toil in vain,  
and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster,  
for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD,  
and their descendants will be with them.

<sup>24</sup>Then it will happen that even before they call, I will answer;  
while they are still speaking, I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will graze together,  
and the lion will eat straw like cattle,  
but the serpent will eat dust as its food.

They will not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## New Testament/Epistle

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, <sup>5</sup>for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

<sup>7</sup>To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

**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.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Amen I tell you: I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Message Hymn

### 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.

- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets Your people free!

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## **Message "What is the Day of the Lord?"**

*Stand*

### **Prayers of the Church**

**P.** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

(Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy."  
We will invite the congregation to respond "hear our prayer.")

### **Blessing (Benediction)**

**LSB 234**

**P** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

*(Internet livestreaming ends here)*

*Sit*

### **Service of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

### **Preface**

**LSB 208**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus) *LSB 208***

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **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**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Peace of the Lord (Pax Domini)

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *LSB 210*

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Receiving the Lord's Supper

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

*LSB 211*

- C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Blessing (Benedicamus)**

**LSB 212**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing (Benediction)**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

*sts. 1–4*

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.

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**Music for Reflection**



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**The CD ministry this week is sponsored by  
Mahon and Janice Hemerley in memory of loved ones.**

**Thank you for joining us this week!**

**Following the service, please stay for coffee and fellowship.**

### **Prayers for those in need of physical or spiritual healing:**

all those whom we have named on our prayer list, and those we now name in the thoughts of our hearts;  
Shirley Pearson, Berta Eddy, Gloria Hereford, Wally Latzke, Beulah Knutson, Bill Cunningham, Ruth Podest, Liam, Trey Griinke, Les Stewart, Keith Ingham, Ione Reetz, Veronica Bauling, Wes Levan, Dan Carter, Paula Devlin, Dick Sears, Pam Matchett Damrow, Al & Jan Jenks, Ruth Peterson, Carol McKechney, Jan Petterson, Marsha Griinke, Bob Brohn, Carol Lowry, Karen Nohr, Brad Carter, Keith Stowers, Jon Turner, Bobbie Reynolds, Tom Wulf, Doris Rindfleisch, Joaquin, Marcie Moore, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, and all of our members who are home-bound (Bev Bingham, Beverly Bottoms, Dan Burrows, Dorothy Bushaw, Carol Gusk, Janice Hemerley, John Kannengeiser, Shirley Mathewson, Roger Nelson, Ruth Peterson, Katie Petitt, Ione Reetz, Ed and Linda Spychalski,) those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers), all emergency services personnel and all who work for the common good.

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### **Communion Practices of this Congregation**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's every Sunday in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. In addition to the members of this congregation, visitors from our sister LCMS congregations and other Lutheran denominations with whom we enjoy altar fellowship are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## **St. John's Lutheran Church Kids' Service**



**1000 Bluff Street  
Every Sunday at 2 pm  
in the St. John's Gym**

**(located on the Merrill side of the building.)**

**All Kids are invited!**

**God's Word - Prayer - Singing**

**Crafts - Food - Gym Time**

**Non-members are welcome!**



Did you miss your chance to purchase one of the limited edition wood St. John's Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary Christmas Ornaments?

**Good News!! We have a few left, and they make wonderful gifts!!**

**You may purchase them in the church office during regular hours,  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 10 am and 2 pm**

**Or if you're out of town, we can arrange to mail an ornament.**

**\$10 each (\$15 if you would like it mailed)**



The St. John's Youth will be having a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 21, to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering.

The first serving will be right after service from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, The second serving will be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

There will be salad, spaghetti, bread, and a beverage for a donation of \$10. There will also be bake sale items. Carry-outs will be available!

**In the mood for some home-baked pastry without a lot of effort?  
From now through December 5th the Youth of Christ Our Savior - Roscoe,  
St. John's - Beloit, and Messiah - Beloit are all selling Butter Braids  
to raise money for their trip to the Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in July 2022!**

**Each Butter Braid is \$14, with more than \$5  
of that cost going back to the church youth!**

**Cash and checks are accepted (made out to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church)  
or you can order online to pay with debit/credit.**

**(Note: There is a small processing fee of \$1.99 for on-line orders.)**

**Orders will be ready for pickup on December 13th at Messiah Lutheran  
in the Fellowship Hall. (Use the downstairs parking lot entrance.) Time TBD**

**\*\*\*YOUR ORDER MUST BE PICKED UP. NO DELIVERY OR SHIPPING\*\*\***

**Available flavors are apple, cream cheese, blueberries and cream cheese, cinnamon,  
strawberries and cream cheese, raspberry,  
caramel roll, and cinnamon roll.**



*Drizzle with icing  
and ENJOY!*



**If you would like to order, please use the link in  
this ad, or contact one of listed churches' youth,  
or send a PM to one of the listed churches'  
Facebook pages!**

**<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/a0863e0b-22d4-40b5-b472-bc2b12abe14d>**



Thanksgiving Eve Vespers Service...  
this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.  
All are welcome to attend.

### ***LWML December 6 (Zone 20) Christmas Mtg.***

Mark your calendar for Monday, December 6th - 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of a Rally, we are getting together here at Trinity Lutheran in Beloit to hear a speaker from Beloit Cares (Sarah Hawthorne), and a short meeting to hold elections for Zone 20 Vice President and Secretary.

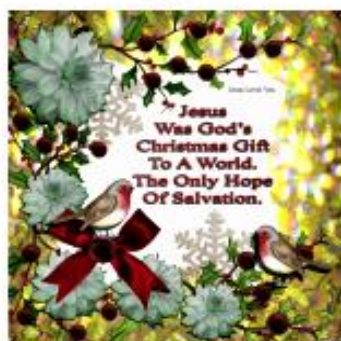
All ladies of Zone 20, which includes the women of our congregation, are invited to come for fellowship and to learn about how we can help serve our community.

This gathering is a combination meeting with our Ladies Aid and LWML.

*Please contact Jan in the office at 608-362-3607 to let us know that you will be coming!*



*"Beloit Cares"*



Dear Members of St. John's,

I will be out of the office until at least November 29th due to having tested positive for COVID. Yes, I was vaccinated, but I have health problems which prevent me from properly building antibodies like normal people. It was always questionable whether or not the vaccine would work for me.

The symptoms at the moment are leaving me fairly unwell, so for the next few days I will be doing the bare minimum. Hopefully by next week I can return to a somewhat more normal schedule, albeit from my couch. Please be merciful to Pastor Roser, as he will be picking up some of my necessary duties (printing and folding the bulletins, etc.) I will still be posting links for the full bulletin and readings on-line if you need to access those.

For those wondering, my husband, Pastor Dan, tested negative for the virus, and while I'm quarantined, we're maintaining separate living areas, as per the doctors' instructions. He's also taking some extra precautions.

As for me, the breathing issues are much like having bronchitis and a really bad sinus infection at the same time. What I find most disconcerting is the loss of my senses of taste and smell. I'm praying that it's temporary.

I'm very sorry for the inconvenience.

Please stay well and be careful, and God's blessings.

Berta Ingham Eddy (Your Administrative Assistant)

## Prayer Request

**If you have a prayer of concern or a prayer of thanks you would like included in the Worship Service, please fill out this page and place it in the box in the narthex. Or, if you prefer, your information can be kept in confidence and Pastor Roser will contact you privately.**

**Please print legibly**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your prayer request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ **Please include in Worship service**

☐ **Please have Pastor Roser contact me privately**

***“Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should call the elders of the church, and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”***

**(James 5:13-14)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name

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