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St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost



Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the **children's worship materials cart** near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

Today's service begins on page 4

Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.

Let's pray! This week, we offer special prayers for…

birthdays | **Tim Davis** (11-10) | **Luanne Teller** (11-10) | **Nancy Kohrs** (11-13)

anniversaries | **Rick & Angie Freihofer** (11-14 | 43 years!)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo,** and **Paula Vitolo**

health | **Clinton Frank** (son of Marilyn, suffered a heart attack this past week); **Carole Chapman** (recovering from surgery at home); **Kris Christie** (mother of Karl, continued recovery); **Denise Costa** (mother of 1st grade student, malignant brain tumor); **Liesse Foley** (mother of Hannah, health complications); **Mark Hasenjager** (brother of David, terminal brain cancer); **Nancy Kohrs** (recovering from surgery); **Brenda Rivers** (recovery from surgery); **Stacey Rolen** (daughter of Rick and Angie Freihofer, recovering from surgery); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery); **Lorene Seidenstucker** (undergoing cancer treatment)

This Week | November 8th – 14th

Veterans' food drive | November 2-13

MON | BIC 6:00 PM
TUE | Pastors at circuit meeting in Gainesville | CoM 5:15 PM
WED | School veterans' day celebration 10:00 AM | Choir 6:30 PM
FRI | Chapel 8:30 AM | VPK afternoon chapel 12:15 PM
SAT | Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM | Chess tournament (Northdale, Tampa)

Upcoming events

Nov 20 | PreK-K Thanksgiving feast
Nov 23-27 | NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving break)
Nov 25 | Thanksgiving Eve service 6 PM | FEAT pie social to follow

Our worship series | The beginning of the end

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us.

Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God's favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God's ways of keeping us ready. "The Beginning of the End" reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and Christ's return. For believers that end is truly a beginning.

Today's worship theme | Watch for final events

Imagine you are planning to take the family out to dinner. You all have to wait for someone to get ready. Minute after minute passes. What can happen in that situation? It's easy to focus on something else and even forget the original goal. Perhaps as you wait, you even fall asleep.

As we wait for Christ to return, as day after day passes, it can be easy to get distracted, to lose vigilance, to become spiritually drowsy. It's the beginning of the end. Why does it have to take so long? God forbid that Christ should return and find us spiritually asleep. Today we are reminded that the time between Christ's first and second coming is a time for watchfulness.

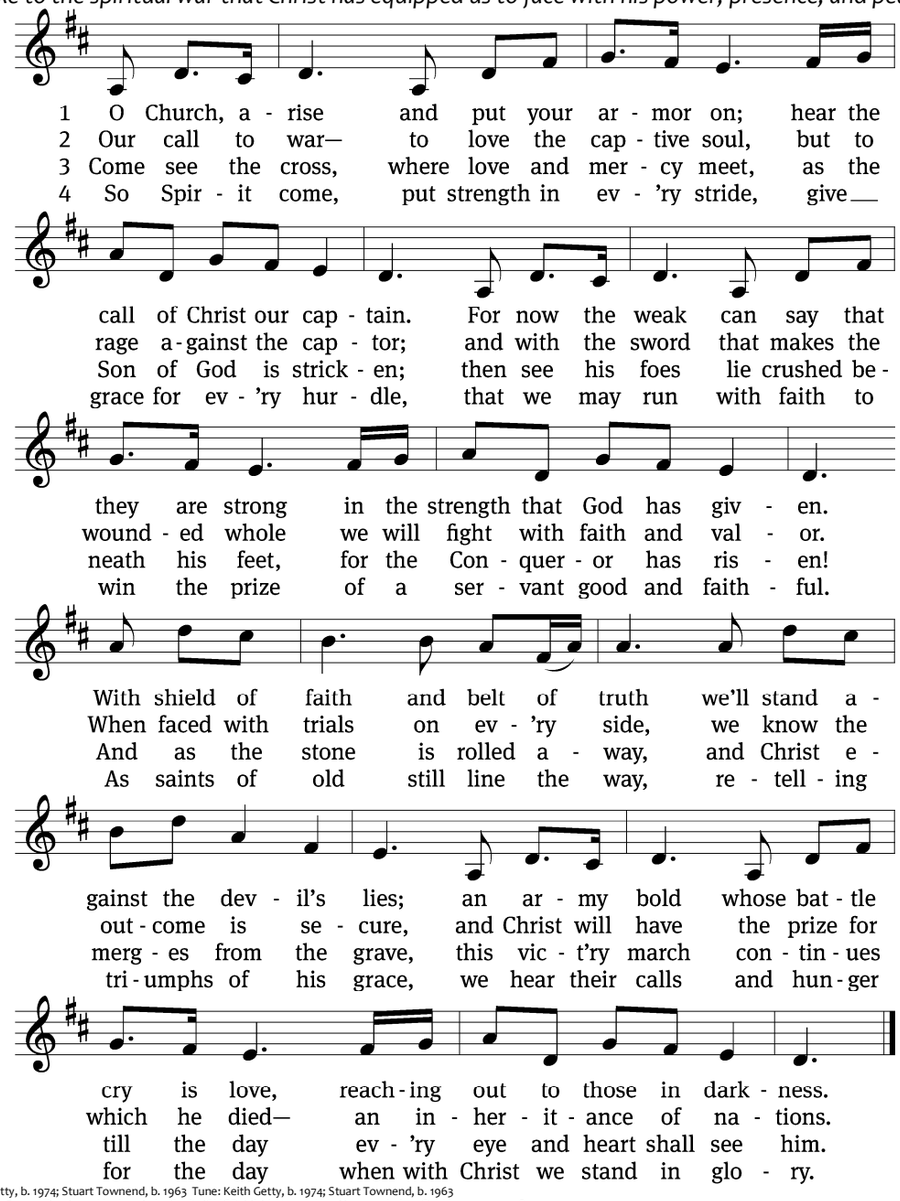
Our prayer before worship | to remain watchful in the final days

God of glory, eternal King, help us to recognize the signs of the end times around us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the Last Day. Move us to hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that when that day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming in the clouds. In his name we pray, Amen.

O Church, Arise

CW 870

We wake to the spiritual war that Christ has equipped us to face with his power, presence, and peace.



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A Veterans' Day prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the selfless service of those who risked their lives to protect our nation, preserve our freedoms, and restore peace in the face of brutal aggressors. Grant relief to those who continue to experience mental, emotional, or physical agony from their days of combat. Give us a sense of responsibility for their welfare. Comfort those who mourn for loved ones who died while performing their duty to our country. Enlist all who are in our military forces into your church militant that they may pledge eternal loyalty to Christ, our King, and know his peace forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Eve | FEAT Pie Social

On Thanksgiving Eve we will have a special opportunity to join in worship with a delicious pie social to follow! Please plan to attend on **Wednesday, November 25 at 6 PM**.

Save the Date | Advent By Candlelight (ABC)

Mark your calendars for **December 9** when we will host our next Advent by Candlelight. Watch for more information in the next weeks and contact Sharon Welfel or Kay-Lynn Johnston if you have any questions!

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

preacher | **James Saatkamp**
presiding minister | **Tim Rosenow**
accompanists | **Justin Siegler**
usher | **Tom Leinberger**
worship streaming tech | **Bill Hartman**
sanctuary flowers | **Rosenow**

last Sunday's in-person worship attendance | 120 *freewill offering* | $7,701

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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today Pastor James will lead the next segment of our Stewardship Legacy series. Sunday School for the children will take place at the same time.

Thank you to our Preschool and Kindergarten families!

We hope that you enjoyed the service and we are so glad you were able to be here. Thank you for the teachers who helped prepare and the students for using their voices in praise!

Divine call updates

On October 18th, we extended two calls: One to Mrs. Kim Klinefelter, who is currently hired to teach in our 2nd grade classroom and the other to Miss Grace Sievert, currently serving in La Mesa, CA. Kim accepted her call. Please keep Grace in your prayers as she continues to deliberate where she can serve best in God's kingdom.

Invocation

P(residing minister) | The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C(ongregation) | And also with you.

Confession

P | We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
C | Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Silence for meditation on personal sins.

Absolution

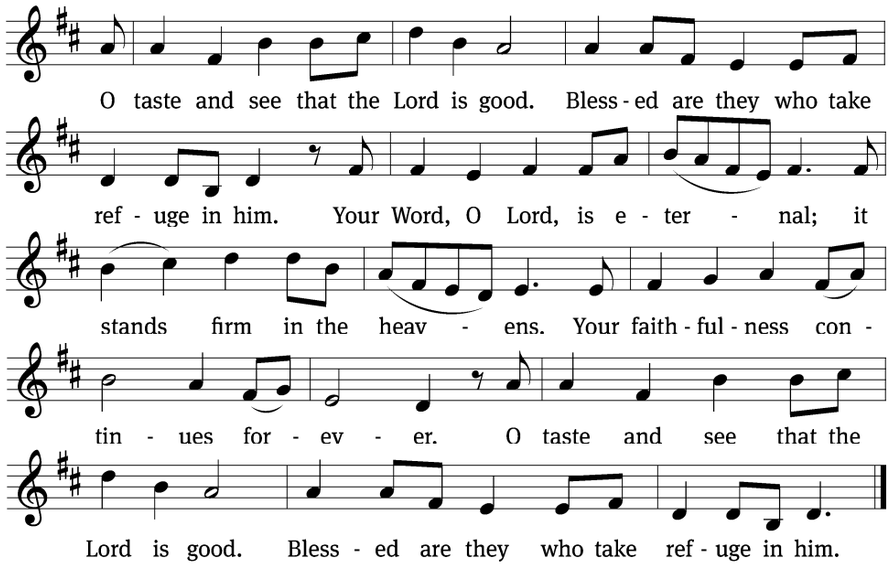
P | God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
C | Amen.

Prayer and Praise

P | In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O Taste and See

CW 965



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Prayer of the Day

P | The Lord be with you.
C | And also with you.

P | Let us pray: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | Amen.

Prayer

P | Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | Amen.

The Blessing

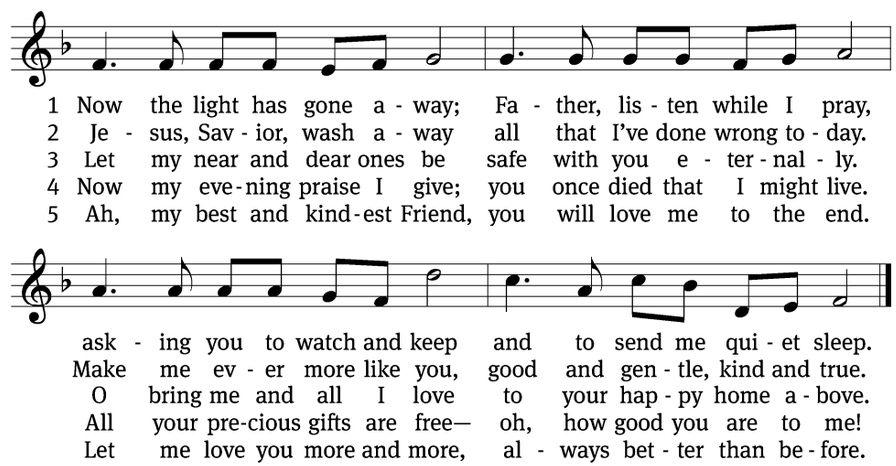
P | Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
C | Amen.

Now the Light Has Gone Away

CW 784

Our service closes with the comfort and peace that Jesus' presence remains with us day and night.
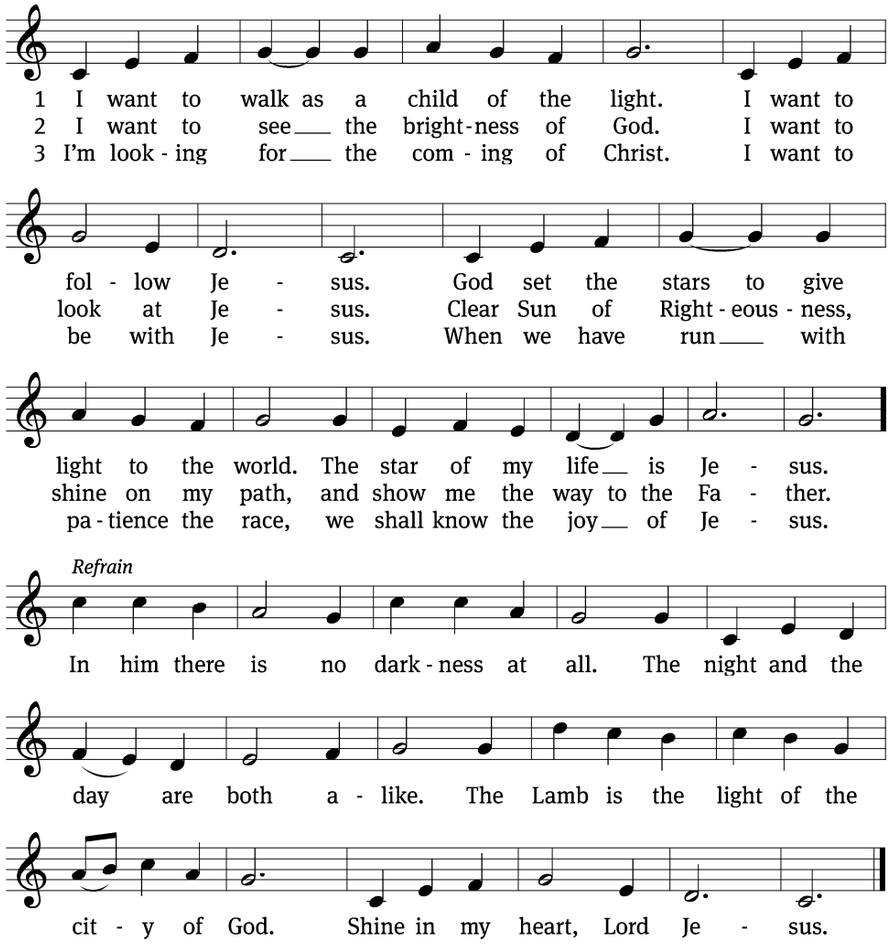


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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CW 713

So much is dark in these last days, but Jesus gives us light and enables us to live as children of the light!



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First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

The prophet cries, "Awake!" to people sleepwalking through life.

[1]Wake, awake!
Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion.
Put on your beautiful garments,
Jerusalem, you holy city,
for never again will the uncircumcised
and the unclean enter you.
[2]Shake off the dust.
Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem.
Loosen the chains from your neck,
you captive daughter of Zion.

[3]Yes, this is what the LORD says.
You were sold for nothing,
and you will be redeemed without money.
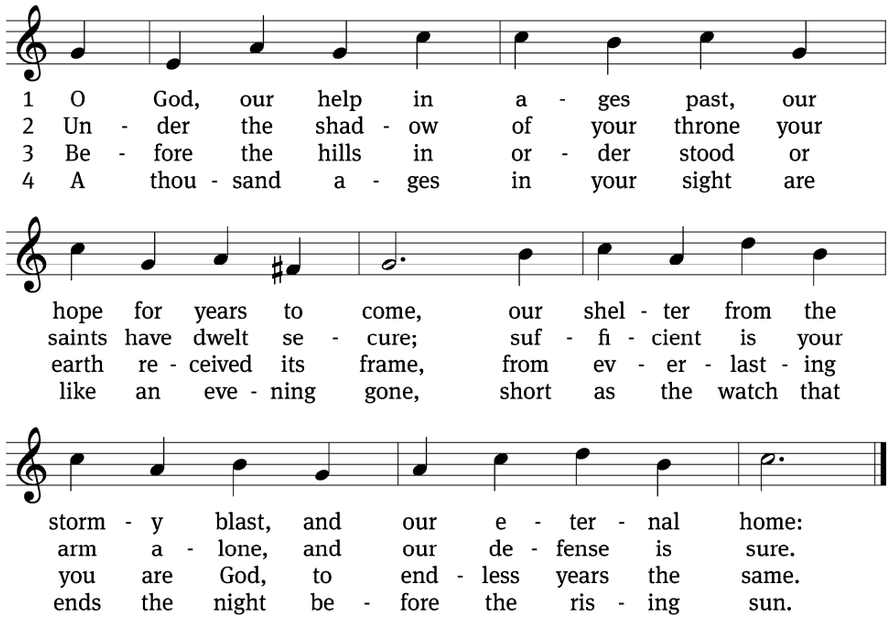
[4]Yes, this is what the LORD God says.
In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while.
Later Assyria oppressed them without cause.

[5]Now what do I have here? declares the LORD.
Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing.
Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD.
My name is continually despised all day.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name.
So on that day they will know that I am the one—
the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

P | The Word of the Lord.
C | Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day | O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Psalm 90D



5 Time, like an everrolling stream, soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

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Prayer of the Church

P | To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!
C | Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

P | Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Enable us to see the opportunities you place before us and equip us for lives of service.
C | Give us power to live as your faithful people.

P | Keep us faithful also to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return.
C | Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

P | Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.
C | Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

P | Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Brief silence.

P | Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us—whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life—faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.
C | Come quickly, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C | Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Dos and Don’ts of Disaster Prep (for Christians)

Points to ponder after the sermon |

- How often should I check my d-day prep kit to make sure it’s ready?
- What d-day encouragement do others in my life need, and how can I give it to them?

Apostles' Creed

C | I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

To our honored guests*: We’re happy that you’re with us to hear about God’s love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul’s funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.*

If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in ***the offering plate*** *in our gathering space as you leave worship today,* ***mail an offering*** *to our church anytime, or go to* ***stpauls.edu*** *or* ***scan this QR*** *code to give an offering online.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Be watchful for Jesus to return. Live as children of light.

1 Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, 2 for you
yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 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. 4 But you,
brothers, are not in the dark so that this day could take you by surprise like a thief, 5 for
you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the
darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and
sober.
7 To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at
night. 8 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. 9 You see, God did not appoint us for
wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore, encourage
one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

P | The Word of the Lord.
C | Thanks be to God.

Anthems

PreK and Kindergarten Students

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love:
stand beside her and guide her
through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies to the ocean white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Children's Devotion

Wake up!

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

P | Alleluia! Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

Those who are watchful and ready for the Bridegroom will enter into the great wedding banquet.
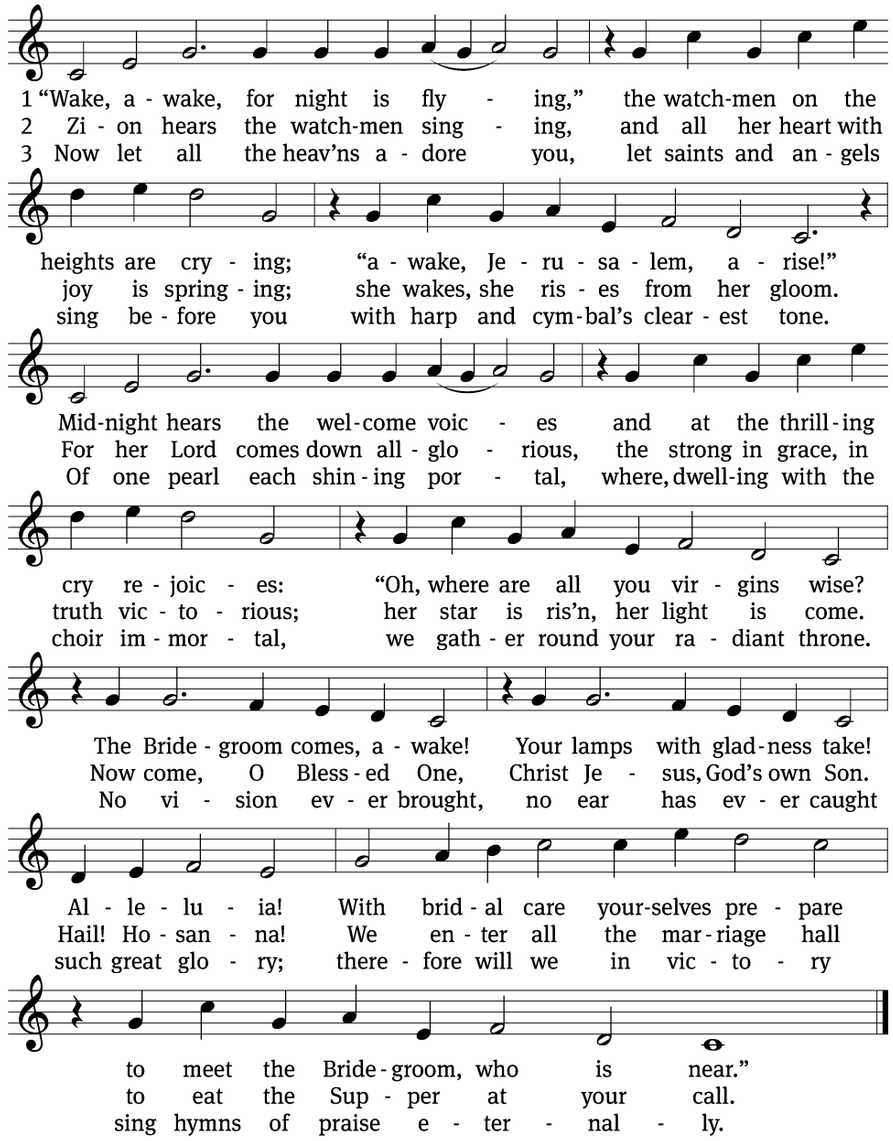
1"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When
the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; 4but the wise took
oil in their containers with their lamps. 5While the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and fell asleep. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!' 7Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The
foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'
9But 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.' 10But 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. 11Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' 12But
he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' 13Therefore, keep watch, because you do
not know the day or the hour.

P | The Gospel of the Lord.
C | Praise be to you, O Christ!

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

CW 486

The call to "wake" comes from those who watch and prepares us to fight until Jesus' victorious return.



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