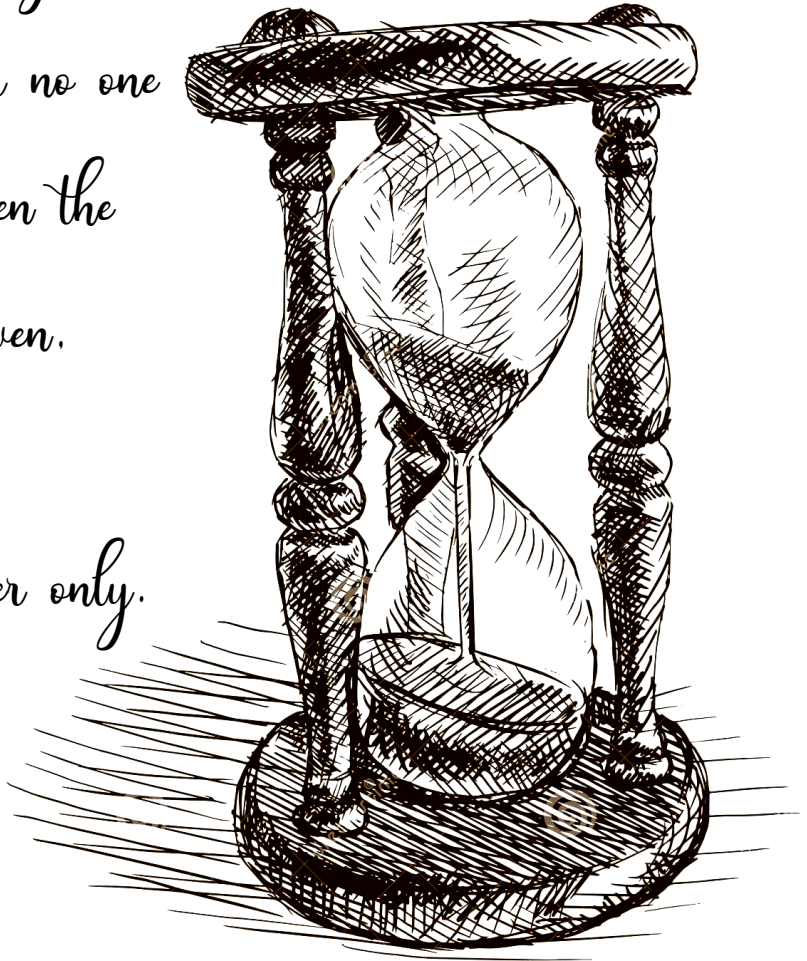


But concerning that
day and hour no one
knows, not even the
angels of heaven,
nor the Son,
but the Father only.

Matthew 24:36



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AS WE GATHER It’s not a big surprise that no one has accurately predicted the end of the world—not that it hasn’t been attempted. From religious sects to cult leaders to apocalyptic predictions made when we entered a new millennium, a fascination grows around those who claim they have it all figured out. We are wise though to take the Lord at His word concerning the Last Day. From Amos in the Old Testament proclaiming the day of the Lord, to Paul writing the Thessalonians about Christ’s return, to Jesus’ parable of the ten virgins, the Lord does not give us a date or a time of the end of this world as we know it. What He continues to give us, though, are promises of His faithfulness, His continued care and providence, and His assurance that when that day comes, it will usher in a glorious blessedness in His perfect presence that will last forever.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”
“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

*J.S. Bach
Manz*

RINGING OF THE BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515, st.1



1 Re - joice, re-joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
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9am

Baptism

Rev. James L. Mayland

“Josephine Jean Hall”

Daughter of Dustin & Tanya Hall

THE 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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

(The newly baptized is welcomed with the following after a reading from the Elder.)

- C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.
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OPENING SENTENCES

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10

- P** Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
- C** Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
- P** 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.
- C** 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.
- P** At midnight there was a cry, “Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”
- C** The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515, st.2

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.

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CONFESSION

Amos 5:24; 1 Thess. 4:17–18; Matt. 25:13

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.
C We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.
P As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
C We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.
P As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
C We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.

HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515, st.3

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.

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ABSOLUTION

- P** But let justice roll down like waters,
C and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
P And so we will always be with the Lord.
C Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515, st.3

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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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 5:18-24

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

9am—

“Goodness Love and Mercy” *Tomlin/Cash/Rinehart/Rinehart*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

SERMON

“The End Times”

Rev. James L. Mayland

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

P Amen.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MISSION STATEMENT *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

VISION STATEMENT *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

7:30am—

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Eatherton

9am—

“Agnus Dei”

Smith

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS HYMN

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al -
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al -

might - y! Day and night we join to praise Your
might - y! We re - joice to join the hymns Of

love and maj - es - ty. You a - lone are
earth and sky and sea. Gen - er - a - tions

ho - ly, wor - thy, and righ - teous.
praise You, with saints and an - gels.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Ho - ly and bless'd through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a-way—
Our faith in - crease. Have mer - cy on us all,
Strength - en us when we fall, An - swer our
fer - vent call And grant us peace.

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.)*

Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake His feast of forgiveness – the Lord's Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith and receive the Savior's body and blood. Visitors wishing to commune should see a Pastor or an Elder before service. We ask this because we love you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

LSB 663

"At the Name of Jesus"

LSB 512

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**
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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“D Minor”

J.S. Bach

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ORGANIST: *Rod Riese*

MUSICIANS: *9am—Praise Team, Brett Schwantes, lead*

ELDERS: *7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Tim Rock; 9am—Dan Schwantes, Dan Oelke*

ACOLYTES: *9am—Emmalin Grosnick, Marcella Mader*

TECH: *9am—Ryder Lessmiller*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL/BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday in the Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School and our Childcare (infant through 13 years).
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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