

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, November 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

1861-2021 - zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years



Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Tim Laatsch

Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel

Crucifer: Kingston Koester; Acolyte: John Manley; Book Bearer: Easton Caraway

Ushers: Ray Braasch, Jason Koester, Mike Wolff

Preservice Music

Ringing of Bells

Prelude LAND OF REST - American Tune - Setting by Raymond H. Han



✠ **DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three** ✠
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Please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance of the nave.

Processional Hymn LSB #673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ✠
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✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠
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Introit for the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity

*Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Is. 35:10 (respond with the words in **bold**)*

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as
nothing be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

♪ **The Gloria Patri**
♪ **Kyrie**
♪ **Gloria in Excelsis**
♪ **Salutation**

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Collect for the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity

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**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹“Then 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn of the Day LSB #516 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Title: “*Wake Up, Sleeping Beauty*”

Outline: **JESUS IS THE REAL BRIDEGROOM WHO COMES FOR YOU, HIS BRIDE, THE CHURCH.**

- I. Your oil of faith lights the way of the Bridegroom.
- II. Why aren't we stocking more oil?
- III. The Bridegroom really comes for you.

Please stand

♪ **Offertory**

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Please be seated

Offering

Please stand as the offering plates are brought forward during the offering hymn

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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♪ **Preface - ♪ Sanctus - ♪ Lord's Prayer - ♪ The Words of Our Lord -**

♪ **Pax Domini - ♪ Agnus Dei**

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Please be seated

Distribution

LSB #629 *What Is This Bread*

LSB #561 *The Tree of Life*

LSB #864 *Shepherd of Tender Youth*

Please stand

♪ **Nunc Dimittis - ♪ Thanksgiving - ♪ Benedicamus - ♪ Benediction** *p. 200-202*

Announcements

Recessional Hymn LSB #923 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

Face the cross as it leads us to live in Christian faith (Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:2).

Postlude