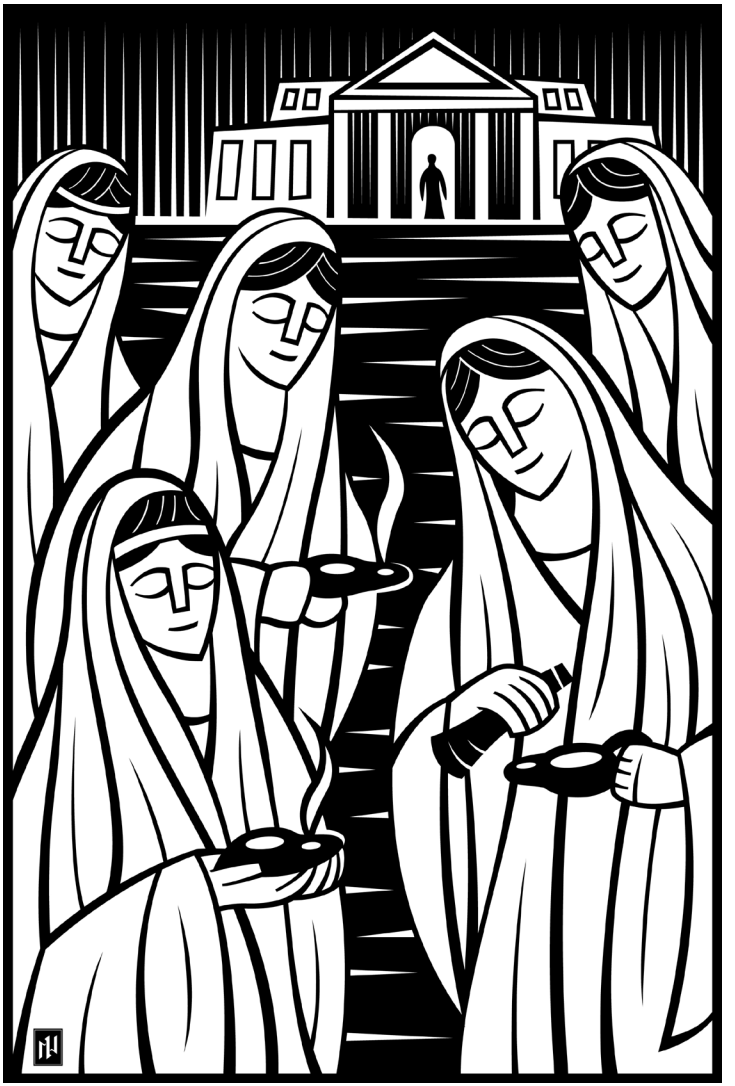


Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Focus:
THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO WATCH FOR THE 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.

Stewardship from God's Word: Matthew 25:1-13
"Here I am. Ask me," says the Christian steward. As we survey the blessings of God in our lives, we can always find opportunities to be ready to use those blessings to fulfill God's purposes. We can share our time, use our talents and abilities, and contribute money to extend God's kingdom. Like the bridesmaids in our reading for today, we are to be prepared for whatever opportunities arise to use what we have for the Lord—ready whenever the Master calls.

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Welcome!

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake *CW 702*

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession *CW 154*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

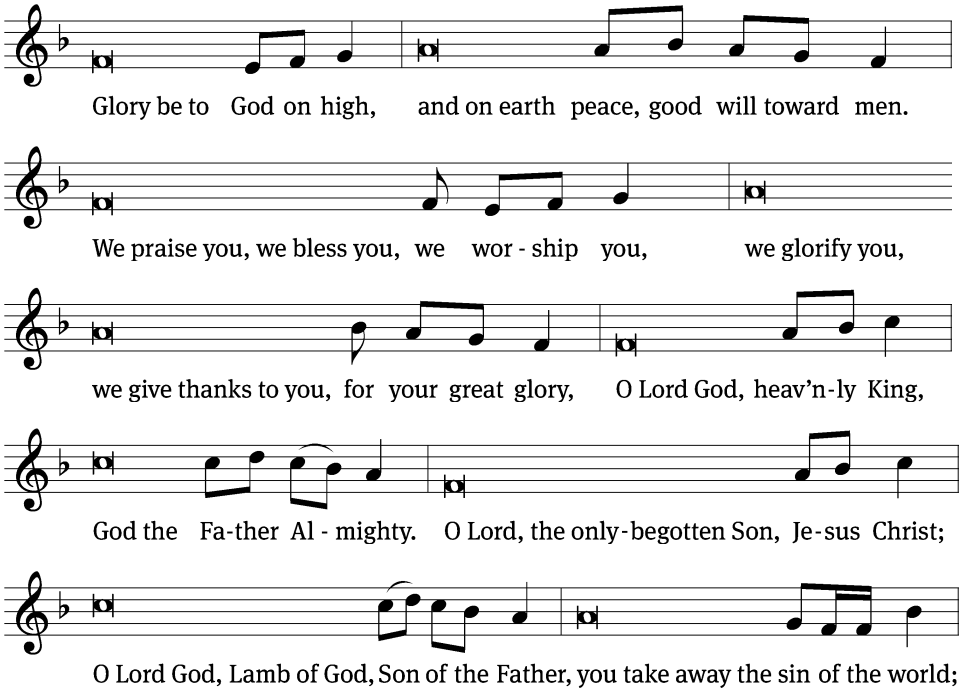
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157





The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

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

[1]Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
[2]Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

[3]For this is what the LORD says:

"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."

[4]For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

[5]"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.

"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the LORD.

"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

90C We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1, 5–8



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

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

[1]Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
[2]for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3]While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them
suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

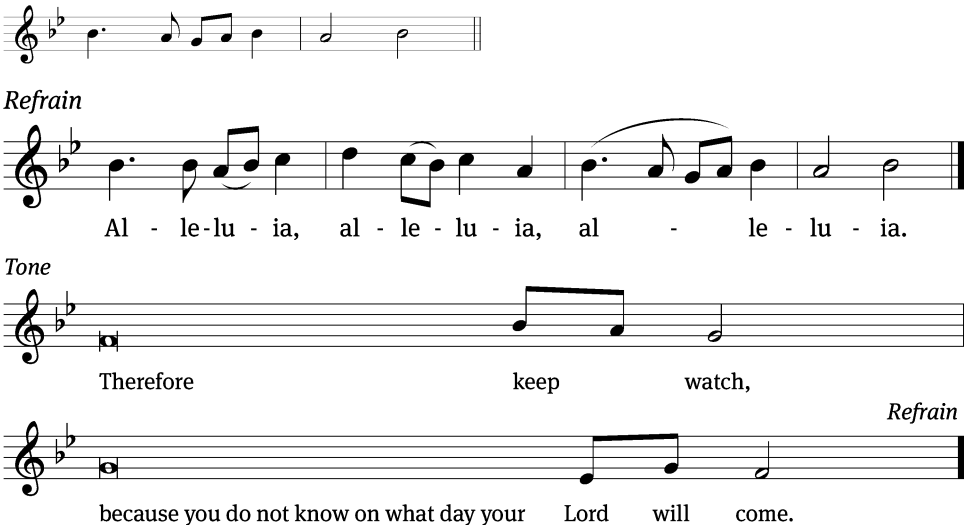
[4]But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise
you like a thief. [5]You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not
belong to the night or to the darkness. [6]So then, let us not be like others, who are
asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7]For 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]For
God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive 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 in fact you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42



Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

Those who are watching 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.
3The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4The wise
ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5The bridegroom was a long
time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

7"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to
the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

9" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

[10]"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

[11]"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

[12]"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

[13]"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

Be seated

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

CW 486

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

A Light and Day Difference

Space is provided for you to take notes during the sermon.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.
Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.
Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

Give In person: The offering is collected during each service.

Give with the App: Download the *Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement* app, search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".

Give Online Oursaviorgrafton.org/give.

During the offering, please sign the friendship register located in each pew.
Or use the following QR code to log attendance online:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *CW 713*

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

The Clouds of Judgment Gather *CW 490*

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (11/8)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday (11/9)	8:10 a.m.	Veterans Day Chapel
Tuesday (11/10)	10:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday (11/11)	4:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Campus Ministry
Thursday (11/12)	7:00 p.m.	Worship and Communion
Sunday (11/15)	8:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Thursday November 5th	**Early November 8th**	**Late November 8th**
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 4E	Team 4L
Altar Asst			
Tech Team		Corah Fischer	Stephen Fischer
Altar Guild	Dianne Robertson Hilary Vatter Katie Vatter	Dianne Robertson Hilary Vatter Katie Vatter	Dianne Robertson Hilary Vatter Katie Vatter

	Thursday November 12th	*Early November 15th*	*Late November 15th*
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 4E	Team 4L
Altar Asst	Stu Stein	Ben Raddatz Jed Mittelstadt	Sam Eickhoff Jed Mittelstadt
Tech Team		Abby Behnke	Landyn Noble
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