

# THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 21, 2021

## Service Notes:

Hymns: 512, 516, 883, 585, 548, 621, 624, 514  
 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25  
 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13  
 Sermon: "Watchful Virgins" Matthew 25:1-13

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Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	11/11	6:30 p.m.	30
Sunday	11/14	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	116 46

**BULLETINS** are given by Donna Metzfeld in memory of her father Gilbert Wolffersdorff.

**FLOWERS** are given by the Wilharm family in memory of Udo Wilharm.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Koch for preaching on Thursday, November 18.

**THE GIVING TREE** will be set up in the narthex the week after Thanksgiving. We will sponsor individual families again this year. If you would like to donate but cannot shop, you can choose a monetary ornament and give either money or a gift card (e.g., Pick 'n Save, Target, Walmart, etc.). If you are going to give a monetary gift, please consider buying a Scrip card. The deadline to order Scrip is **Sunday, December 5**. The deadline to return gifts is **Sunday, December 12**. Please see the insert for more information.

**HANDBELLS** After quite a few years of the bells sitting in their cases, we brought out the bells this summer, and it is time to bring them out again. We have a small group that will be rehearsing on **Tuesday** evenings, beginning on *Tuesday, November 30* at 5:45 p.m. We will be rehearsing on a **3 to 4 weeks on and 2 weeks off** rotation schedule. Interested in joining us? Questions? Ask Mr. Johnson either in person or at [steveo236@gmail.com](mailto:steveo236@gmail.com).

**FESTIVAL CHOIR** The Festival Choir makes its return as we prepare to sing for the 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. We will be rehearsing beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 5, 12, and 19. Interested - contact Mr. Johnson either in person or at [steveo236@gmail.com](mailto:steveo236@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	11/21	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	11/24	NO School	
		Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
		<b>THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday	11/25	NO School	
		<b>THANKSGIVING DAY DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Friday	11/26	NO School	
Sunday	11/28	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Betty Bliese, Barbara Blue, Bill Blue, Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Anna Rose Consigny, Brandon Crawford (nephew of Jan Wicks), John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, David Gottschalk, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Elaine Jenson, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Lois Kennedy, Clarence Laube, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, and Virginia Scholz.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** Our Father's will be having our Sixth Annual Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is an opportunity to set aside the hustle and bustle of the holidays and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. We will also be entertained by **SONIC MIX**, a men's barbershop quartet of which Mr. Cahill is a member. A display will be set up in the narthex to sign up for sponsoring a table. Mark your calendars!

**SCRIP** The next order due date is Sunday, **December 5**. Please see the bulletin insert for special Scrip deals for your December order (low denomination cards). A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, **OR** you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/20-11/16/20)	\$210,068.21
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/21-11/15/21)	\$216,447.65
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$232,461.54
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$16,013.89)

**CHURCH FINANCIALS** Over the last year, the financial situation of Our Father's stabilized and even improved, thanks to the generosity of the members of the church. However, Our Father's finds itself again falling behind when comparing expenses to revenue. The Church Council prayerfully and respectfully requests that members consider increasing their giving so that we can continue to meet our expenses. OF Church Council

**ALTAR GUILD** We are in **DIRE** need of volunteers to serve on Altar Guild. We are unfortunately down to six volunteers, and one of them is out of state for winter months. This means that every 5-6 weeks our turn repeats. The duties include setting up communion for Sunday services, resetting from one service to the other, as well as Thursday evening service, and cleanup of our communion vessels and purificators. Please contact Linda Hojnacki at (414) 427-5949 or talk to me directly for more information. I am hoping a few additional members will consider serving our congregation in this very significant and meaningful role.

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** will collect mite boxes on November 28, the *last* Sunday of the month. Mite boxes can be left at any time in the mite box in the narthex.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

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# THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 21, 2021

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Isaiah 65:17-25 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup> But 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. <sup>19</sup> I 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. <sup>20</sup> No 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. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They 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. <sup>23</sup> They 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. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The 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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## THE EPISTLE READING

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

<sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

<sup>3</sup> While 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. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But 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. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And 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. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

<sup>12</sup> But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE PSALMODY

### **Psalms 149:1-9 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.

<sup>5</sup> Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,

<sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

<sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

## INTROIT

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!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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*Psalms 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10*

# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*“Watchful Virgins”*

November 21 through November 27, 2021

*November 30 is St. Andrew's Day, which is used to determine the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new Church Year. Andrew was one of the first apostles called by our Lord. He and his brother Peter were called to be fishers of men, that is, preachers of the Gospel. His association with the beginning of Advent reminds us of two things. First, the Church is the place where the Gospel is to be preached to all nations. Through this Gospel, the Holy Spirit calls men to faith and brings in a fresh catch of fish. Second, Andrew's association with the feeding of the 5,000 reminds us that Christ continues to feed us in His Church upon His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Advent reminds us that through His coming to us in Word and Sacrament Christ prepares us for His final coming to judge the living and the dead. Andrew would be martyred for preaching that Gospel. Tradition tells us that much of his preaching was done in Greece. He would be crucified in Scythia for his refusal to stop preaching Christ crucified. Later tradition added the idea that he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an X. Today such a cross is often used on symbols for Andrew.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**  
**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>21</sup> No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.  
**2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** 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. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 45

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Make my tongue the pen of a ready writer that I might confess Your righteousness in the earth, O Lord. Anoint me with the oil of gladness that I may be Your holy Bride. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	2 Kings 10:1-36
Tuesday	2 Kings 11:1-21
Wednesday	No School
Thursday	No School
Friday	No School
Saturday	Matthew 21:1-9

## CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Lord's Prayer

### The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that in all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

### The First Petition

Hallowed be thy name.

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

**Luther, Lectures on Genesis 20:11-13:** Here one should note that Abraham says that he spoke most respectfully to his wife. He did not give an order and did not say: "You must obey me; I compel you; I demand from you." No, he said: "I beg you," and he does not consider her action obedience; he considers it a favor, as though by a superior person, in accordance with Peter's precept (1 Peter 3:7): "Bestow honor on the female sex." But why does Moses record this? Doubtless in order to present an example of a very fine marriage, something which is indeed a rarity on earth but is most pleasing both to God and to men. Therefore, by means of this very example, Peter exhorts spouses to learn to love each other and to treat each other with respect and not as people are now in the habit of doing. Husbands generally are lions in their homes and are harsh toward wives and domestics. Similarly, the wives generally domineer everywhere and regard their husbands as servants. But it is foolish for a husband to want to display his manly courage and heroic valor by ruling his wife. On the other hand, it is also unbearable if wives want to dominate. Such marriages – where both are capricious – are common, as the proverb has it: "Three things are rare, but they are pleasing to God: harmony among brothers, love among neighbors, and accord between spouses." The reason is that people generally enter into this kind of life without prayer and, like swine, regard only what is carnal. Therefore, the wife does not see what is truly good in her husband. On the other hand, the husband sees in his wife only what displeases him. Since

there is no mutual tolerance between them, quarrels and countless outbursts of anger arise. Therefore, this example deserves frequent attention from married people in order that they may learn how to live together amicably. For one who is unwilling to overlook anything but wants to go to extremes in all his demands will lead a most wretched life. Besides, he will be irksome to others; for, if I may say so, this life is truly scurvy, ulcerous, and full of troubles. Therefore, one who lives in it will not find favorable conditions everywhere. “Where there is fire,” they say, “there is bound to be smoke.” Thus troubles are everywhere added to favorable conditions, but pious hearts will bear the troubles with patience and thank God for the favorable conditions. The fact that Abraham gives Sarah the all-inclusive instruction: “In every place to which we come say that I am your brother” is evidence of his great weakness and inordinate fear; for it indicates that he is afraid not only of the people of Gerar but also of all other men. For this reason, he did not have the courage anywhere to admit that Sarah was his wife. But why did Moses record this conduct, hardly creditable, about such a great man? He does this for our sakes, for the virtues of the saints should be praised in such a manner that we, nevertheless, conclude that they were human beings and that they both had and endured something human. (LW 3:353-354, St. Louis: Concordia, 1960)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**      **OR**

**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB 785 “We Praise You, O God” (stanza 1)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT AD TE LEVAVI

*November 28, 2021*

“The Son of David”

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 334, 332, 347, 608, 335, 354, 625, 331

## READINGS

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 21:1-9

On the First Sunday in Advent, we look forward to the future coming of Christ in glory by confessing that He has already come in humility. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem, He comes to Bethphage, the house of unripe figs, a prophetic reference to the unbelief of the Jews who have not listened to the preaching of Jesus. He had come to them righteous and having their salvation, but they had rejected Him. The daughters of Jerusalem had not heeded the words of Song of Songs 2:13 to be prepared for the arrival of the Beloved. Jesus is that Beloved who comes mounted upon the donkey, as a figure of the Old Testament Church in which the proclamation of the promised Messiah had been sounded forth. The colt signifies the New Testament Church that will now bear Jesus to the ends of the earth through the preaching of the Gospel. Through this Gospel, we are made beasts of burden, that is, those who are ridden by Christ that we might be brought through the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem. To confess ourselves as such lowly beasts of burden is to acknowledge that we are either ridden by the devil as our master or ridden by Christ, the Master who purchases us with His own blood. It is the prayer of the Church that we might always be those who bear the light burden of Christ and are driven by Him along the narrow path. So we gather to sing that ancient song, *Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord*, in the confidence that He who comes in the lowly elements of bread and wine will transform our lowly bodies into glorious bodies in heaven.