

25th **Sunday after Pentecost**
November 19th, 2023
Divine Service Setting Two
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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.

Opening Hymn: LSB #914 “Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

Hymn of the Day: LSB #508 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Children’s message/ Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord’s Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn: LSB #411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Distribution Hymn: LSB #663 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn: LSB #781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Day of wrath, O
day of mourning!
See fulfilled the
prophet’s warning,
Heav’n and earth in
ashes burning.

To the rest Thou
didst prepare me
On Thy cross; O
Christ, upbear me!
Spare, O God, in
mercy spare me!
TL# 607:1, 19