

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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AS WE GATHER

Mixed messages are all around us. The same news story can have multiple takeaways, depending on the media and desired perspective of the information sharers. In our culture, the same thing deemed “good” by some is called “evil” by others. What may be helpful to one is hurtful to another. Where do you find truth in a world of mixed messages? Only from the unchanging Word of God. From that Word, the Lord speaks to us as He spoke to the people in Micah’s time who lived in a time of mixed messages, with a warning about prophets who lead people astray. In Thessalonians, we are reminded of what a sanctified life looks like in a culture that gives in to fleshly desires. Jesus, in the Gospel from Matthew 23, also gives warnings about the mixed messages spoken and shown by the scribes and Pharisees. In the past to the present and into the future, we are wise to cling to the unchanging message of salvation through Christ and the cross, in which we find our guide, our hope, our peace, and our comfort made clear through the one message of truth held on to by faith which saves.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
Matthew 23:12

Opening Hymn: LSB #802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament ReadingAmos 5:18–24

Psalm ReadingPsalm 70

Epistle Reading1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Holy Gospel ReadingMatthew 25:1–13

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Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LSB #516 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

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Blessing

Closing Hymn: LSB #515 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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