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Hymns: **544:1-2 541:1,2,4,7 587 311:3-5 539:1-4**
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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite II—pp. 60-85, *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

A HYMN **544 vv. 1-2 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"**

1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
It is midnight, we are weary,
With voices strong they call us clearly:
"Where are you now, O virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Arise! Your lamps now take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care yourselves prepare
To feast with Him, your Groom most fair."

2 Zion hears the watchword sounding,
With bridal joy her heart is bounding,
She wakes, and breaks the spell of sleep.
For her Lord comes forth in splendor,
All rich in grace, truth's strong Defender!
Her Star grows bright and darkness deep.
Now come, O precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail, Hosanna!
We enter all, the marriage hall,
To eat the Supper at Your call.

THE INVOCATION *(Stand)*
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:
"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT **Jeremiah 29**
P: I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil. Then you will call upon me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

THE GLORIA PATRI
C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son we pray, that He may lead home His Bride, the Church, that we with all Your saints may enter into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **Ezra 1:1-7**

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem."

5 Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and

the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem. [6] And all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered.
[7] Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods.

PSALM 45

P: [1] My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

C: [2] You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

P: [3] Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

C: [4] In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

P: [5] Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

C: [6] Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

P: [7] you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

C: [8] your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

P: [9] daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

C: [10] Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,

P: [11] and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.

C: [12] The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

P: [13] All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

C: [14] In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

P: [15] With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

C: [16] In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

P: [17] I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

THE EPISTLE: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything
written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. [3] 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. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
[5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For
those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8] 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. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or
asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another
up, just as you are doing.

THE ALLELUIA *(Stand)*

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13**
P: The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is written…

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] 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.' [10] 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. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE CREED **Nicene Creed**
C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life † of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: **541 vv. 1,2,4,7 "Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High"**

1 Jerusalem, thou city fair and high,
Would God I were in thee!
My longing heart fain, fain, to thee would fly;
It will not stay with me.

Far over vale and mountain,
Far over field and plain,
It hastes to seek its Fountain
And leave this world of pain.

2 O happy day and yet far happier hour,
When wilt thou come at last,
When fearless to my Father's love and pow'r,
Whose promise standeth fast,
My soul I gladly render?
For surely will His hand
Lead her with guidance tender
To heav'n, her fatherland.

4 O Zion, hail! Bright city, now unfold
The gates of grace to me.
How many a time I longed for thee of old
Ere yet I was set free
From yon dark life of sadness,
Yon world of shadowy naught,
And God had giv'n the gladness,
The heritage, I sought!

7 And when within that lovely Paradise
At last I safely dwell,
What songs of bliss shall from my lips arise,
What joy my tongue shall tell;
While all the saints are singing
Hosannas o'er and o'er,
Pure alleluias ringing
Around me evermore!

SERMON: Romans 13:11-14

[11] And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12] The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. [13] Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. [14] Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

THE OFFERTORY VERSE *(Stand)*

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me

not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING*:*
If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*
P: Let us pray for the Church and all people according to their needs: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgement, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper.

P: We commend into Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.

P: Let Your blessing rest upon seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!

(Special intercessions may be added)

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Service of Holy Communion

Our Communion Practice.
Faith Lutheran Church practices closed communion, admitting to the Lord's Supper only those who are members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We ask that all others refrain from communing out of respect for our practice.

If you would like to receive a blessing during the Lord's Supper, please come forward and signify by crossing your arms across your chest. Please speak with our Pastor if you have questions. Thank you.

A HYMN: **587 "Jesus, Still Lead On"** *(Sit)*

1 Jesus, still lead on
Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by Your hand
To our promised land.

2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
Safely past the foe
To our home we go.

3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on
Till our rest be won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us.
Till we safely stand
In our promised land.

THE PREFACE *(Stand)*
P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

THE PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE EXHORTATION

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins. And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you,' and 'this do in remembrance of Me.' If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (The Peace of the Lord)
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)
C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(Sit)*

A HYMN: **311 vv. 3-5 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

3 Our trembling hearts cleave to Thy Word;
All Thou hast said Thou dost afford,
All that Thou art we here receive,
And all we are to Thee we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
United by our life in Thee,
Thy love proclaim till Thou shalt come
To bring Thy scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
To keep us steadfast to that day
That each may be Thy welcomed guest
When Thou shalt spread Thy heav'nly feast.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *(Stand)*
C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people,

a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING
P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And his mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE SALUTATION
P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS
P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: **539 vv. 1-4 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"**

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labors have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbor of the saints!
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

3 In thee no sickness may be seen,
No hurt, no ache, no sore;
In thee there is no dread of death,
But life forevermore.

4 Thy saints are crowned with glory

great;
They see God face to face;

They triumph still, they still rejoice:
Most happy is their case.

LAST SUNDAY

We must guard against the assumption that all was idolatry and wickedness in the disastrous period after the death of Solomon. God always had His "remnant" of believers, who did not "bow the knee to Baal". Sometimes this remnant was few in number and sometimes many, but they were upheld amidst the trials and discouragements of an apostate age through the prophetic promises concerning the coming Redeemer. Malachi, the last of the inspired prophets, was active around 420 B.C. He exhorted the people to be ready for the coming of Elijah (John the Baptist) who would prepare the way of the Lord. "And then the Lord shall suddenly come into His Temple." And even though there was a 400 year "famine of hearing the words of the LORD" through any other prophet, there would be those still awaiting the consummation of all the promises from Genesis through Malachi. Believers, such as Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi, Simeon and Anna, would hold those promises sacred, gladly hearing and learning them, so that in all the types found in Israel's history and all the prophecies spoken through faithful prophets pointing to the Messiah, they would receive Jesus of Nazareth through faith as the Christ, their Savior and ours.

Sermon Thoughts

1) What does the law in this text teach us ourselves?

2) How does the Gospel in this text comfort us?

3) How may I personally apply this text to my life today?

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 22, 2026

Tuesday Little Lights will not be meeting this week.

Wednesday 9:30 AM: **Women's Bible Study -** Paused
7:00 PM: **Women's Bible Study -** Paused
7:00 PM: **Men's Bible Study -** Paused

Sunday 9:00 AM: **Sunday School & Bible Study**
10:30 AM: **Divine Service**

Pastor is asking for a few helpers to pack the moving truck following November 29th if anyone is available. More info to come.