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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Order of Worship - 9 AM

AS WE GATHER – Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

by Paul Manz

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

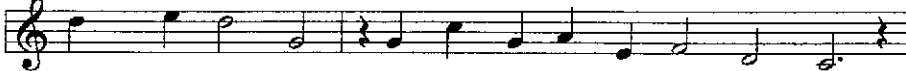
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♫ OPENING HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



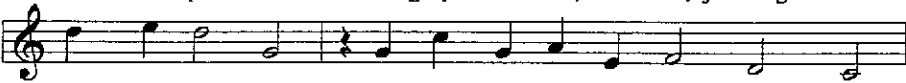
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es; "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

The Bride-groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless-ed One, Lord Je-sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Al-le-lu-ia! With brid-al care Your-selves pre-pare
 Hail! Ho-san-na! We en-ter all The wed-ding hall
 Of Thy glo-ry; There-fore will we E-ter-nal-ly

To meet the Bride-groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup-per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 93:1-2, 5

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- P** *The Lord reigns!*
- C** **He is robed in majesty!**
- P** *The world is established.*
- C** **It shall not be moved.**
- P** *God's throne is established from of old.*
- C** **Our God is from everlasting.**
- P** *His decrees are very trustworthy.*
- C** **Holiness befits the Lord's house forevermore.**
- P** *Christ is coming soon.*
- C** **Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.**

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.*

[Silence for reflection]

- P** *Heavenly Father,*
- C** **we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.**
- P** *Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen 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.*
- C** **Amen. To God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

- P** *We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,*
C **the home of righteousness.**
P *O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;*
C **let me know how fleeting I am!**
P *Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,*
C **and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**
P *And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?*
C **My hope is in you.**
P *Deliver me from all my transgressions.*
C **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**
P *Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;*
C **hold not your peace at my tears!**
All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
P *We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,*
C **the home of righteousness.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world to die and rise for the sins of the world, and You have promised that He is coming again soon. Keep us firm in the true faith, ever clinging to Your promises and ever watchful for Your Son's return, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:4-6

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Jude 20-25

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Rev. 22:13

All: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

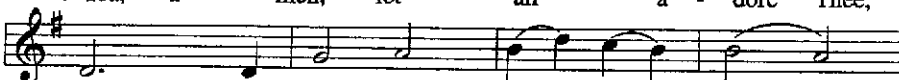
[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

 Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

 lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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SERMON

"SUMMER'S COMING"

Mark 13:24-37

- I. Seeing tragedy in our lives and in our world can leave us anxious about the future.
- II. Jesus assures us today that tragedies are signs of His return, when He will gather us in heaven.

♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

- ☩** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits 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.

OFFERING / SOLO SELECTION

"Heavenly Home"

OFFERTORY

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease; To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as a light to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, You are robed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Christ, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or flood. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- 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.**

BENEDICTION

- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.*
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

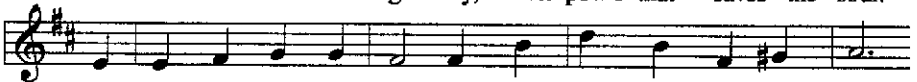
Preserve Your Word, O Savior



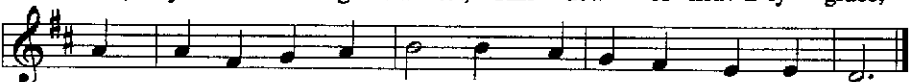
1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
 2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
 3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
 4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
 Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
 Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
 The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
 Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
 Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
 Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
 Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
 When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
 Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

5. Preserve in wave and tempest
 Your storm-tossed little flock;
 Assailed by wind and weather,
 May it endure each shock.
 Stand at the helm, our pilot,
 And set the course aright;
 Then we will reach the harbor
 In Your eternal light.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"With Heart and Hand"

by H. P. Hopkins

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