

*November 24, 2024*

*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.  
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

### **Serving in God's house**

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup  
Readers: Lennox Debra  
Organist: Doreen Leonard  
Prelude

Sleepers, Wake! A voice is calling

J.S. Bach

*Stand*

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

*LSB 516:1-2*

- 1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!  
With bridal care yourselves prepare to meet the Bridegroom, who is near."  
2 Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!  
We enter all the wedding hall to eat the Supper at Thy call.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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** Upon this your confession... I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 51:4–6*

☐ **A** The Old Testament Reading for the Last Sunday of the Church Year is from Isaiah, chapter fifty-one.

“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

☐ **A** This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalm 93*

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.  
**Yes, the world is established;  
it shall never be moved.**  
Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.  
**The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.**  
Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the LORD on high is mighty!  
**Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

**A** The Epistle is from Jude.

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 13:24–37*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

“In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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*LSB back cover*

*Sit*

## Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

*LSB 336*

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for ev'ry sinner slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him robed in glorious majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion still His dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation to His ransomed worshipers.  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom as Thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

SERMON

**“Dark Days”**

*Stand*

OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

Now Thank We All Our God

*LSB 895:1-2*

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### AGNUS DEI

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### DISTRIBUTION

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Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

*LSB 663*

The Clouds of Judgment Gather

*LSB 513*

### NUNC DIMITTIS

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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### PAULINE BENEDICTION

### Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.G. Walther



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At the congregational meeting on 11/17 the members set a goal of raising \$30,000 by March 1, 2025 to replace the heating system in the main sanctuary and install ceiling fans. Please consider donating.

We are also looking to expand the group of church leaders. If you are a member, please consider joining a nominating committee to identify qualified people to serve as officers. If you are not a member but would like to be one, please talk to Pastor about membership.