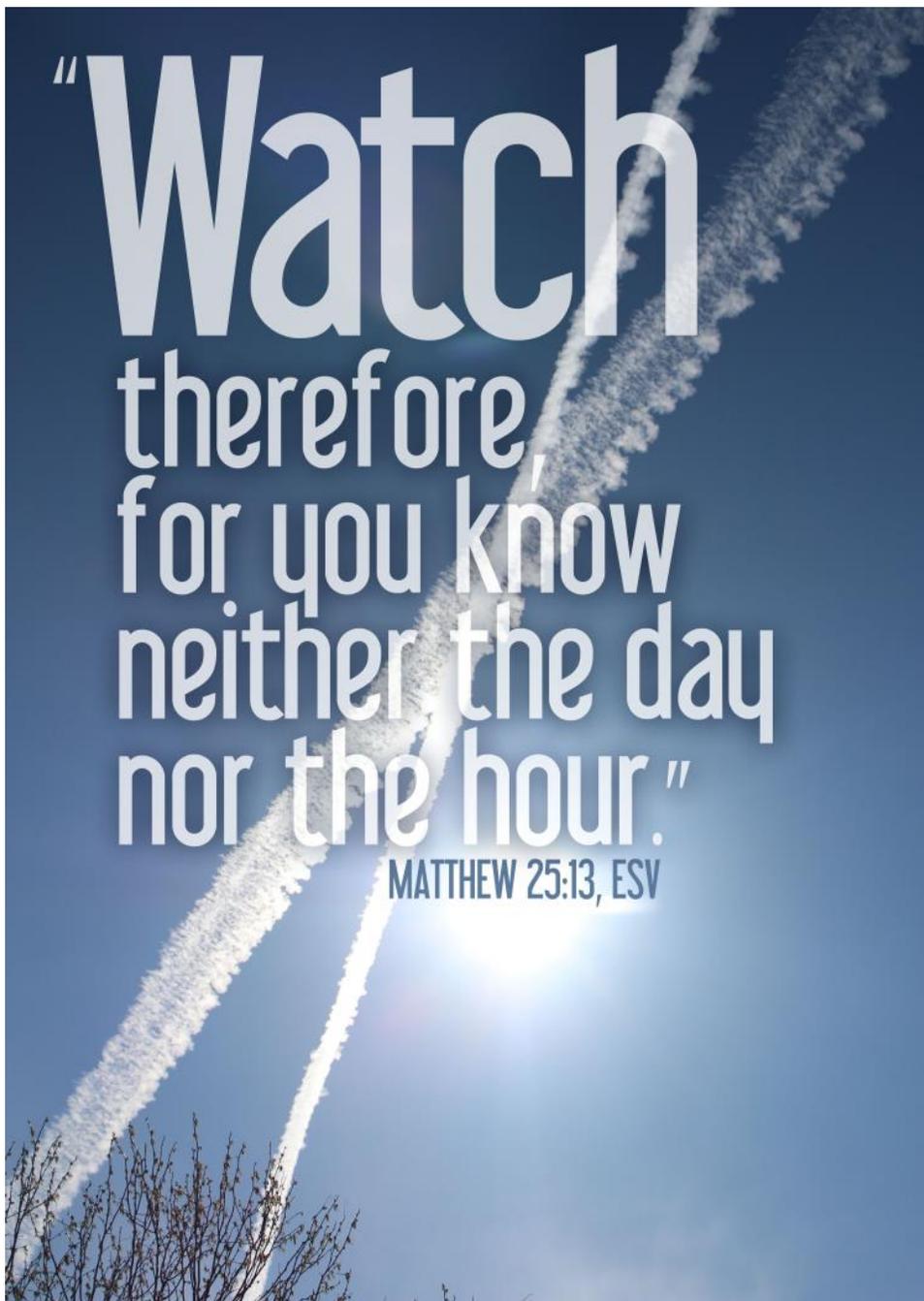


*23<sup>rd</sup> Week after  
Pentecost  
November 8, 2020*

**"Watch  
therefore,  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour."**

**MATTHEW 25:13, ESV**



## **WELCOME**

*Please tune into 93.3 FM, to our Facebook Live account or join us in-person\*. (\*unless Seneca County drops to red/purple designation and we have to worship virtually).*

## **PRELUDE**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*WACHET AUF, S. 645*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P:** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**P:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C:** **Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

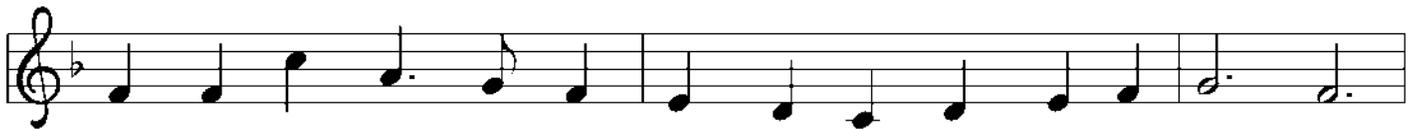
**P:** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY



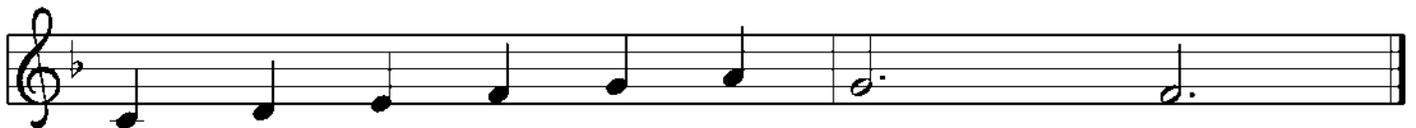
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mcr - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERRN, *Erneuertes Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

~~~Thank you to Victor Welsch, Cantor~~~

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## ***THE GREETING***

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## ***LITANY FOR SEASON AFTER PENTECOST***

**P:** You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C:** **A people holy to the Lord our God.**

**P:** Keep the words of the Lord in your heart;  
teach them to your children.

**C:** **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

**P:** One does not live by bread alone,

**C:** **But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## ***HYMN OF PRAISE***



**☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.**



**Ⲁ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;**



**just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.**



**Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?**



**C** Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



**C** Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P:** Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## *A READING FROM AMOS 5:18-24*

R: A reading from Amos the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter:

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## *A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS*

*4:13-18*

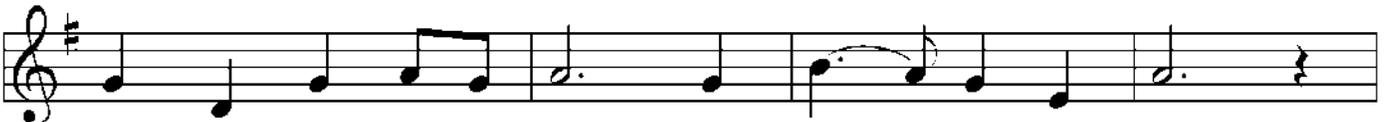
R: A reading from 1 Thessalonians the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R: Word of God, Word of Life:

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

## *THE GOSPEL*

## *MATTHEW 25:1-13*

P: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish



# WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING



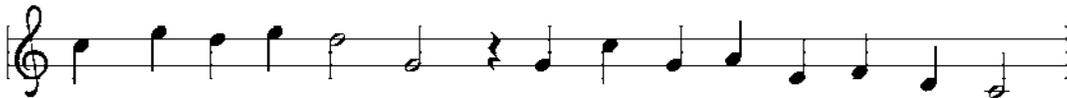
1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

# ***THE CREED***

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith expressed through the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# *ORGAN MEDITATION*

Dan Miller

## *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

### *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

#### *LORD'S PRAYER*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

#### *BLESSING*

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

# BLESSED ASSURANCE



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

## *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace, Christ is with us!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Paul Manz*

*LOBE DEN HERREN, Opus 7, No. 3*

*Praise to the Lord*

**THANK YOU** to Elise Meyer for serving as today's Lector and Judy Kimmel and Donna Brueggemeier for serving as today's Hosts.

**PLEASE REMEMBER...**

Today following worship, there will be a Congregational Meeting to discuss and possibly vote on moving forward with the first phase of the security measures to help ensure the safety of our Preschool/Daycare students.

Beginning at noon, you can drive through the south side driveway and pick up your Bountiful Feast dinners.

These dinners were provided through a Thrivent Action Card, donated by a member family.

The meal is intended to take the place of our normal Bountiful Feast potluck dinner. Since we can't do our traditional dinner, this is a creative way to still share a meal and offer thanks for our many blessings. **Thanks to all who helped prepare, package and deliver meals to cars.**

All are welcome to drive through for a meal!

***THANK YOU*** to everyone who contributed in any to this year's Annual Halloween Hospitality Event.

The event was well-attended and much appreciated by those who stopped to partake of doughnuts, hot drinks and candy treats.

The Monday night Women's Bible Study will be meeting each Monday evening in the Dietz Room from 6-8 PM. If you would like further information, please contact Beth Myers.

Members are asked to remain following worship for the  
Special Congregational Meeting.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on implementation  
of the first phase of the Preschool/Daycare security measures.

This project involves placing a wall and door in the hallway  
just past the Women's restroom, so that the upstairs Preschool room is  
secured from the remainder of our Office hallway.

Following the meeting, the Bountiful Feast Committee should be nearly  
ready to begin the drive-through distribution of the Bountiful Feast Meal,  
Covid-style. This meal is free and available to all...no cost, no reservations.  
This year it is just in place of our traditional Bountiful Feast

Social distancing and masks are in place, making First a safe place to  
worship.

Apart, yet together...just not too close together!

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."