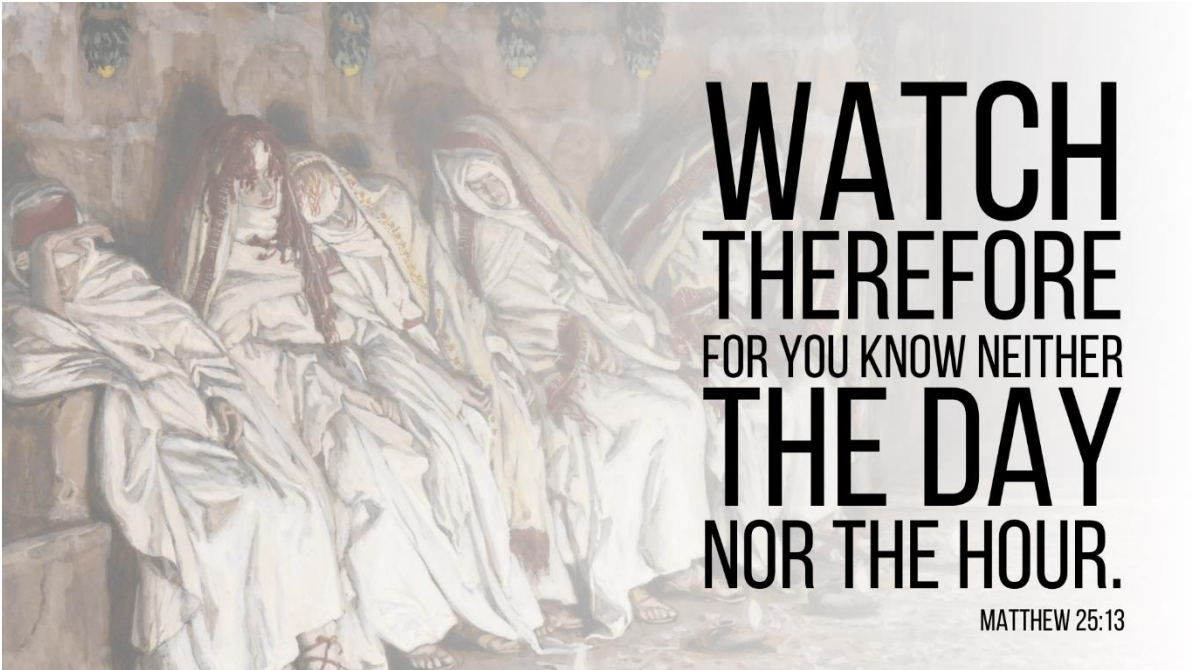


Concordia
Evangelical Lutheran



**WATCH
THEREFORE
FOR YOU KNOW NEITHER
THE DAY
NOR THE HOUR.**

MATTHEW 25:13

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Ps. 122:1

Instructions for Communion:

If you are a member of Concordia, see the pew card for help preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at Concordia is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Buchs about Communion before participating.

Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?

If you're member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Buchs know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

Prayers for Worship can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal. More prayers are provided on page 305ff.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: **#673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

Confession & Absolution (Hymnal, p. 184)

Introit (Bulletin, p. 2)

Kyrie & Gloria (Hymnal, p. 186)

The Readings (Bulletin, p. 3-5)

Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 192)

Hymn of the Day: **#516 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

Sermon

Offertory/Prayers (Hymnal, p. 192)

Service of the Sacrament (Hymnal, p. 194)

#834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

#623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Nunc Dimittis (Hymnal, p. 199)

Closing Hymn: **#514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us**

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INTROIT *Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10*

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime
is as nothing before you.**

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Psalm 45:14–15*

**In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.**

**With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the Lord.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Spaghetti Dinner

Our Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 4:30-6pm. We will once again have a silent auction & baked goods for sale. Please price your own baked goods.

Be thinking about what you can bake or donate for the sale!

Craft items and other donations for the auction are welcome and appreciated.

Mark your calendars!

St. John's Christmas Bazaar

Please join us for our annual Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon on Saturday, December 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kimball between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We are having a variety of baked goods for sale as well as gift items, crafts, and an assortment of Christmas decorations. Our lunch includes soups, sloppy joes, desserts and beverages. Come early and grab a roll and coffee! We look forward to seeing you!

Next Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-9

Hymns: 334, 332, 341, 357, 359

Collect of the Day: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer Requests

Donna Anderson
 Avery Broich
(granddaughter of Robin Halverson)
 Darlene Dillon
 Robin Halverson
 Halarie Haukaas
 Pam Hutchings
 Nikki James
(niece of Arlen & Verna Lea Salmela)
 Teddy Kothe
 Amanda Luke & her baby
(niece of Nancy Barnes)
 Gracie Muehring
 Marshall Neumiller
 Lorraine Rose
 Arlen Salmela
 Emery Schmidt
 Kaitlyn Stewart
 Kathy Wohlman

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 24 Guy Stuve
 November 25 Brytani Richards
 November 26 Kyle Schmidt
 November 29 Candie Fennema
 November 30 Joseph Gunnerson

Pastor:	Rev. David Buchs
Elder:	Mike Wohlman
Organist:	Lynn Hoff

This Week's Schedule

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Monday	8:30 am	Chapel/Homeschool Class
Wednesday	8:30 am	Homeschool Choir
	9:30 am	Chapel
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Friday	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Budget/Election Meeting