



**LAMB OF GOD**  
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**Proper 27**

**Today's theme:**

***God's people wait for their bridegroom***

**Welcome, guests!** God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

**Children’s “My Worship Notes”** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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## OPENING HYMN

ADVENT

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### Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the  
3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and  
4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,  
Bride - groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,  
suf - f'ring bore, Shall live and reign for - ev - er  
now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom  
With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage  
When sor - row is no more. A - round the  
Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,  
feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -  
throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In  
hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.  
day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.  
Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG (76 76 D) *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901.

## INVOCATION

*[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✠}$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

*[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23]*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✠}$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

# GLORY BE TO GOD (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

C: Glory be to God on high, 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, heav'n-ly King,

God the Father al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves of five-line music. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*[The Prayer of the Day compliments the theme of the day.]*

**C: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of you Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORD

*[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]*

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 52:1-6**

*Isaiah prophesies to captive Israel who is sleepwalking through life because they are lost in the stupor of grief over their afflictions. "Awake!", the prophet cries, "and hear God's promise of coming triumph that will give you strength to face your present problems."*

Awake, awake, Zion,

    clothe yourself with strength!

Put on your garments of splendor,

    Jerusalem, the holy city.

The uncircumcised and defiled

    will not enter you again.

<sup>2</sup> Shake off your dust;

    rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,

    Daughter Zion, now a captive.

<sup>3</sup> For this is what the LORD says:

    "You were sold for nothing,

        and without money you will be redeemed."

<sup>4</sup> For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

    "At first my people went down to Egypt to live;

        lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

<sup>5</sup> "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.

"For my people have been taken away for nothing,

    and those who rule them mock,"

declares the LORD.

"And all day long

    my name is constantly blasphemed.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore my people will know my name;

    therefore in that day they will know

that it is I who foretold it.

    Yes, it is I."

[As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom in the divine service.]

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90

For today's Psalm we will be using Hymn 441 from Christian Worship.

TRUST

### 441 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,  
arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
you are God, To end - less years the same.  
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
as a dream Dies at the op' n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. ANNE (CM) William Croft, 1678–1727, alt.

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*When Christ comes we will receive salvation. Let us be ready for his coming.*

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the

day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

*[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*Keep watch! You do not know the day or the hour.*

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup> “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup> “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup> “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

*The children are invited to come up to the front to sit with Pastor Horn.*

*\*The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel Reading.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

END TIME

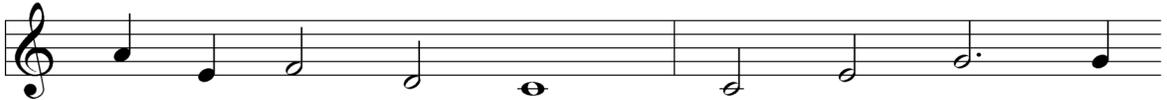
# 206 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"  
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing,



The watch-men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -  
And all her heart with joy is spring-ing; She wakes, she



ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the  
ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes



wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?  
truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.



The Bride - groom comes— a - wake! Your lamps with  
"Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,



glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care  
God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - na! The ioy - ful call



Your-selves pre - pare To meet the Bride-groom who is near."  
We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

*Stay Awake!*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*[The word creed comes from the Latin credo, which means "I believe". In confessing this ancient creed, we remind ourselves that what we believe and teach has been handed down to us by the Apostles. The Apostles Creed is so named because it is a brief statement of the gospel truths they taught. Its writing and use dates to the early years of the Christian Church.]*

**The Explanation of the Creed**

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**OFFERING**

*[If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [lambogodlafayette.com](http://lambogodlafayette.com) and click GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the church—3993 St. Rd. 38 East Suite F Lafayette, IN 47905]*

**PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

*[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]*

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

END TIME

### 220 O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking



1 O'er the dis - tant moun - tains break - ing Comes the red -  
2 Come, O Long - Ex - pect - ed; wea - ry Waits my spir -  
3 Near - er is my soul's sal - va - tion; Spent the night,  
4 With my lamp well-trimmed and burn - ing, Swift to hear



d'ning dawn of day. Rise, my soul, from sleep a - wak - ing;  
it anx - ious - ly. Life is dark and earth is drear - y  
the day at hand. Keep me in my hum - ble sta - tion,  
and slow to stray, Watch - ing for your glad re - turn - ing,



Rise and sing and watch and pray. 'Tis your Sav - ior,  
Where your light I can - not see. O my Sav - ior,  
Watch - ing for you till I stand, O my Sav - ior,  
Wait - ing for the bless - ed day. Come, my Sav - ior,



'Tis your Sav - ior, On his bright re - turn - ing way.  
O my Sav - ior, When will you re - turn to me?  
O my Sav - ior, In your bright, your prom - ised, land,  
Come, my Sav - ior, O my Sav - ior, quick - ly come!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, abr., alt.

Tune: O JERUSALEM, DU SCHÖNE (87 87 447) Johann G. C. Störl, 1675–1719, alt.

## PRAYER

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)*

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  $\text{✚}$  give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Serving at Worship

Pastor: Paul Horn  
Pianist: Liz Schmidt

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bible Basics Class

Looking for a study that takes an honest look at the main teachings of Christianity in a non-judgmental relaxed setting? Skeptical of Christianity, or organized religion? Have you been an "every Sunday church goer" and want to take a refresher course on the teachings of the Bible? Then Bible Basics is the class for you! Pastor Horn is happy to meet with you at church, a coffee shop or virtually online to go through this class with you. **Contact him at [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com) to set up a time today!**



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### Growing Together As A Family

**Attention Parents!** In light of current challenges related to classroom gathering, our church is introducing a new approach to Sunday school. Lessons taught by experienced WELS teachers will be available free via YouTube. The engaging and age appropriate Lesson Videos will tie to printed Student Lessons that our church will provide to you at no cost. This new approach presents an easy yet meaningful way for you to encourage your child's faith in Christ. **We are also offering in person social distanced, masked up classes on Sundays beginning at 9:15am.**

### **Adult/Teen Bible Class**

This morning we will finish up our study of *Politics is Driving Me Crazy!* as we continue with the fourth lesson in our series entitled *Our Messy Political World*.

### **Campus Ministry - Tuesday Tune Ups**

**Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30pm. 1893 E 600 N West Lafayette, IN 47906** Welcome to **Tuesday Tune-Ups** for college students! Just as your bicycle needs a tune-up to stay running smoothly to get you to class, your bodies, minds and souls need a tune-up to stay healthy. We'll have food, build friendship and grow in God's Word. This week we'll continue our study of "What are you looking for in a future spouse?"

### **Mornings with Mommy**

**This next Thursday, November 12th**, we will hold our next Mornings with Mommy session from 9:45-11:00am. This is a great way to connect your little one with God's Word, and is a special way for parents, grandparents and care-givers to spend time with their little people. We hope to see you there!

### **Prayer Requests**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

**Keep in your prayers this week:** All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; Hunter and Emily Brusenbach, (niece and nephew-in-law of Liz Schmidt), who were united in marriage last Sunday; Ron and Betsy Schmidt, parents of Liz Schmidt, who celebrated 57 years of marriage last Monday; that our Lord would work peace in our nation through us as we share the gospel with one person at a time; for our congregation as we move toward closing on and moving into our new church home in the coming months; that our online outreach efforts would reach more and more people with the gospel; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Coronavirus Task Force; that our Almighty Creator protect Jenna, Abbey, Cheryl and Julie—the health care workers in our congregation as well as all of the doctors and nurses in our country - that the Almighty Physician would guard and protect them from all disease and illness, and grant them patience, compassion and love to all they serve; all those affected by the coronavirus; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

**\*\*\* Need to talk to someone in person? Pastor Horn is available to chat on the phone or virtually. Contact him through his personal email at: [revhorn2004@gmail.com](mailto:revhorn2004@gmail.com)\*\*\***

