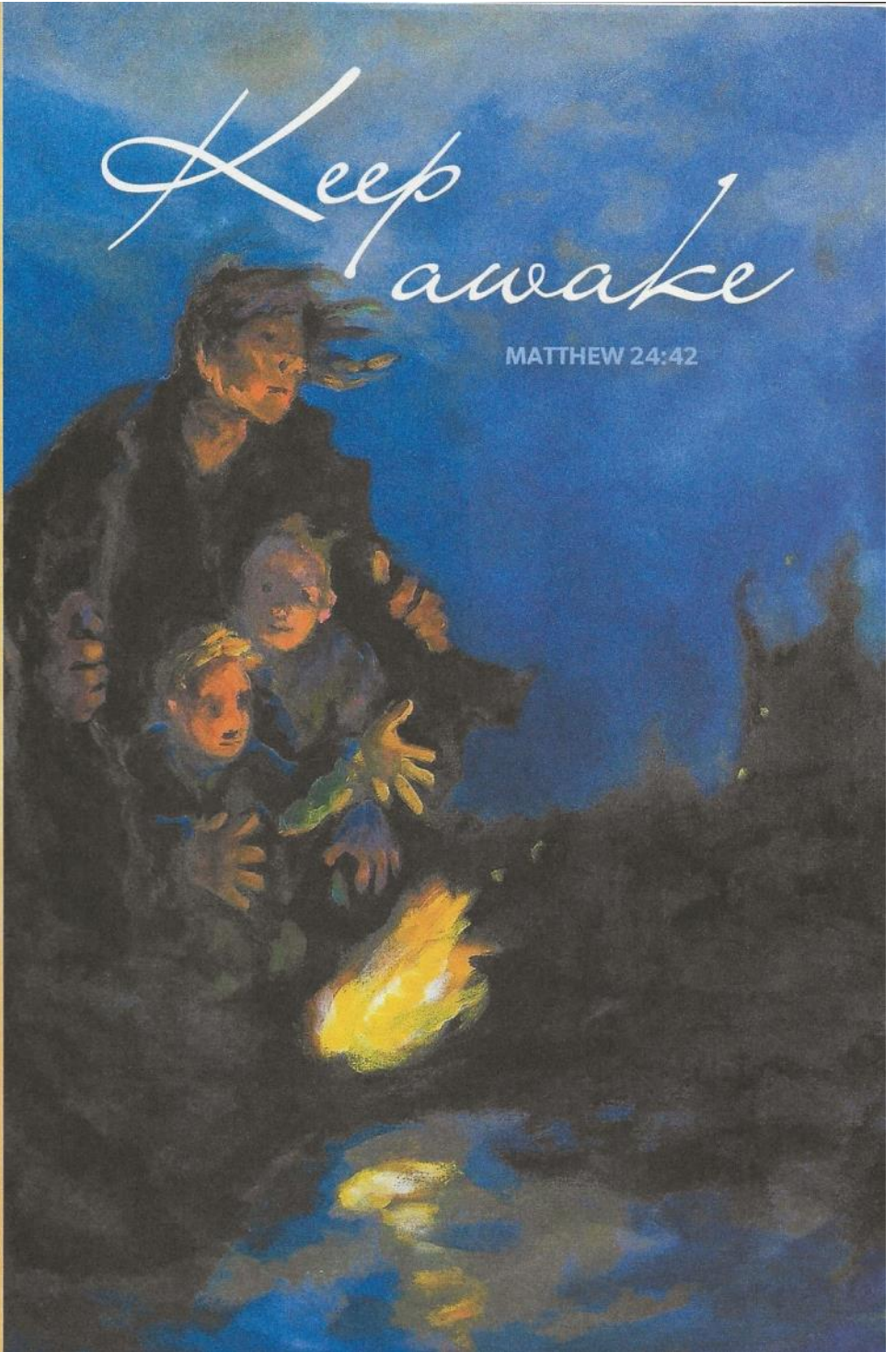


Keep awake

MATTHEW 24:42



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First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
9:00 a.m.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”* – Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING ACCLAMATION & VERSICLES

The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell. Throughout this worship folder, the text in bold type is said by the congregation. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins:

Blessed be God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The following is said as the candle on the Advent Wreath is lit:

Our King and Savior now draws near: **Come let us adore him.**

After the candle(s) are lit a family member says this prayer:

Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts,
we may come to the true light which is Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #240 – *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* TIF IN VELDELE
(stanza 1)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The minister addresses the congregation.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The presiding minister says a prayer to which all respond, Amen

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 (*see back cover*)

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

The psalm is spoken responsively

¹I was glad when they | said to me,

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

²**Now our | feet are standing**

within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built | as a city

that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,**

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:**

“**May they pros- | per who love you.**

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls

and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,**

I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,

I will seek to | do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 11-14

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24: 36-44

The congregation stands; then the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The congregation is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY #436 – *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* WACHET AUF

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PRAYERS

Each petition ends with these words: God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM: *Creator of the Stars of Night* – Traditional Plainsong Melody, arr. John Scott

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

**With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate
our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the
Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.*

SANCTUS

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The congregation responds. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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Taste and see that the Lord is good.

AGNUS DEI

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COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who wish to receive only a blessing should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The assisting minister leads a prayer to which all respond, Amen

May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN #246 – *Hark! A Thrilling Voce Is Sounding!* MERTON

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”*

-Anton Wilhelm Leupold

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MUSIC NOTES:

Sometimes called the "King of Chorales," this morning's Hymn of the Day – "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (*ELW* #436) – was written by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) as part of his 1599 book entitled *Joyous Mirror of Eternal Life*. Nicolai wrote the book for consolation after the plague killed hundreds of his parishioners in the Westphalian town of Unna where he served as a German Lutheran pastor. Both the prelude and postlude are based on the tune that Nicolai composed for his chorale text. The prelude is a transcription for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) of the tenor solo from his own *Cantata No. 140*. Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1868-1940), the composer of the postlude, served as organist at St. Peter's Church in Berlin for four decades. While his compositions included motets, sacred solos, and chamber music, he is best remembered for his nearly 200 organ preludes on German chorale tunes.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please pray for Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Lisa Riley, Vickie Salmi, Daryl Slaymaker, Aaron Stripling Family, Bonnie Trout, Pastor Dennis Trout, and Doris Witmer. Pray for God's healing presence in places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers and the helpers and the residents at nursing homes; school boards, school administrators, staff, teachers, and students in communities around this country.

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Christmas Basket Program:

Jerusalem is sponsoring four families in our community again this year. Collections will take place on 11/27 and 12/4 toward the purchase of grocery store gift cards for the families to purchase food for their Christmas dinners. Please see Jill or Joyce with any questions. Thank you!

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Pastor	The Rev. Bonnie M. Oplinger
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Jill Clubb
Altar Guild	Brenda Fetter
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube and Andy Anderson
Zoom Monitor	

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalm 122**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from

sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

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