

Second Lesson - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

1Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, 2for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. 4But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, 5for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

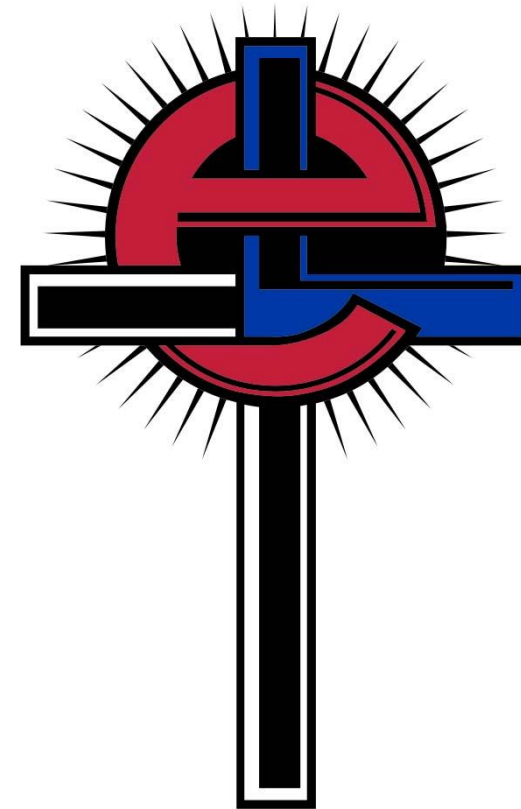
7To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

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1"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; 4but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. 5While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' 12But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' 13Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"By faith we are prepared
for Christ's return"*

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November 26, 2017
Last Sunday of the Church Year

WELCOME: To all our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

Order of Worship: Divine Service 1, page 15, CWS

Hymns: 341, 206, 214

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm: Psalm 121, page 112

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

**Sermon Theme: "Make sure you're ready for the
Bridegroom's arrival"**

- 1. With enough oil for your lamps**
- 2. Whenever he comes**
- 3. To go into the wedding feast with him**

Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship	8:00/10:30 am
	Bible Study & Sunday School	9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Church Decorating/Care Box packing	10:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship w/Lord's Supper
Bible Study & Sunday School

8:00/10:30 am
9:15 am

Lord's Supper - will be celebrated next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts accordingly this week.

First Lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25

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⁷Watch this, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things will not be remembered, and they will not come to mind.

¹⁸Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever because of what I am creating. Watch this, I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹I also will be glad because of Jerusalem, and I will rejoice over my people. The sound of weeping will not be heard again in her, nor will the sound of crying.

²⁰There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days, or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days, for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man, and one who fails to attain a hundred years old will be regarded as cursed.

²¹Then they will build houses and inhabit them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They will not build a house and have another person live in it. They will not plant and have another person eat the crop, for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

²³They will not toil in vain, and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster, for they will be offspring who are blessed by the Lord, and their descendants will be with them.

²⁴Then it will happen that even before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent will eat dust as its food. They will not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Pastor Sweet, Pastor Bill Bein, Rich Tollefson, (Rick Tollefson's father), Barb Osborn, Pastor Joel Frank, Liz Easley, Polly Mackenzie, Terri Porter, (friend of the Toetz family) Elena Suhonen, Gordy Klassa, (Brad Anderson's brother-in-law) Margie Habben, Sarah Eversole, Brad Anderson, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Diane Scheel

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Women's Fellowship - This Saturday, December 2nd, we are going to gather to decorate the sanctuary, pack boxes for our students/military members away from home and have a light lunch. Decorating will begin at 10 am and should take about 90 min. If you are unable to help with decorating we will start putting together care packages at 10:30 am. After we have finished packing and decorating we will have a light lunch around 11:30 am. Any of the gentlemen or young people who wish to join us would be welcome as well. Rather than having a White elephant gift exchange, we are asking that you bring something for Alpha Pregnancy to donate. After lunch we will have a door prize raffle for anyone who brings a donation. Finally, we also ask that you bring a dish to pass at lunch. If you have questions about any of these activities you can reach out to Sandy Bauer or Michelle Coda.

Care Packages - Do you have a family member serving in the military or is away from home at school? We would love to send them a care package over the holidays. Please submit their name and address to Michelle Coda no later than Dec 2, so we can send them so home baked love! If you are willing to bake or buy items for the packages please bring them to the fellowship hall before 9:30 am on Dec 2. Items we need include wrapping materials, money for shipping, boxes, cookies, candy etc.

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Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 19th - 136 (73 - 8:00 am, 63 - 10:30 am)

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