

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5.1-11

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.



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Wise & Foolish Virgins

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.
Luke 12:35

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Today's Usher: *Larry England*

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Southern.

THIS WEEK

- Today, 9:15am Bible class
- Wednesday, 9:15am, Bible class
- No Confirmation class this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent, and the beginning of the new Church Year.

A 27 TRINITY PRAYER
by *Dr. Martin Luther*

Dear God, I am a poor and offensive person. Who am I that my soul is named the bride of God, and the Son of God its bridegroom? The eternal Majesty has condescended to come into my poor flesh and blood and truly unite himself with me. This is an honor not even bestowed upon the angels in heaven. From head to foot I am full of pollution, corruption, leprosy, sin, and offense before God. How then can I be considered his beloved, and be one in body with the high, eternal, glorious Majesty? Since you want it so, O be praised and thanked in all eternity. Amen.

NOTES & QUOTES

O my brothers and sisters, it is time, yes, it is high time, that we come to our senses, that we rise from our fall, that we turn around. If we do not want to do this, then the spirit of the world, even if it still allows us to keep the external form of an orthodox church for a while,

yet, in short order, it will have eaten through our core like a bad worm and left us an empty shell – having a name that we are alive, while we are dead.

So listen to me today, so that you listen again to God! Do not stubbornly turn away from your old pastor (Seelsorger) who is assailing you, so that, someday, God will not turn away from you in the hour of your death! For I am preaching to you not in my name and, thus, in the name of a fellow sinner, but in the Name of the LORD, the most high, to whom you also reverently cry out and have pledged yourself. Do let each one examine his thoughts and his condition according to God's Word, with heartfelt sighing after the enlightenment of the Holy Ghost. Also help each other, as true spiritual priests, to a true self knowledge and lend your aid to each. Then confess with sorrow and broken hearts to God your departures from his holy Word and, against your sins, hold the comfort that all penitent sinners are given sweet promises of divine grace in Christ. Let no one wait for anyone else. Let each one start with himself, without consulting flesh and blood.

Dr. C.F.W. Walther, *Lutheran Bread Crumbs, Sermons and Addresses*, translated by Pr. Joel Baseley.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Psalms - 88-94
- OT - Ezekiel 26-32
- NT - 2 Corinthians 8-13; Galatians 1