Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

November 8, 2026



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TRUTHS

Worship Theme

It's Time for Watchfulness

Pastor Brian Roloff

Preschool Sings



OPENING HYMN: #486

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (vs.1-3)

V1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
“awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:

...

"Oh, where are all you virgins wise?
The Bridegroom come, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care yourselves prepare
to meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

V2.

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her star is ris'n, her light is come.

...

Now come, O Blessed One,
Christ Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all the marriage hall
to eat the Supper at your call.

V3.

Now let all the heav'ns adore you,
let saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.

...

No vision ever brought,
no ear has ever caught
such great glory;
therefore will we in victory
sing hymns of praise eternally.

Please stand

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you joy as you trust in his love and strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, when the Day of Judgment comes, our only hope will be your grace. Keep us alert and watchful in the meantime, anticipating our Savior's return. For his sake receive us into the marriage feast of the Lamb; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON:

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
O Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the
morning,
more than watchmen wait for the
morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.



THE WORD

SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 25:1-13

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

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

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

“ ‘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.’

“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.

“Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried....

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated


CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: #713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vs.1-3)

V1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

V2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

V3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.



THE WORD

SERMON TEXT:

1Thessalonians
5:1-11
(EHV)

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When 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.

But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

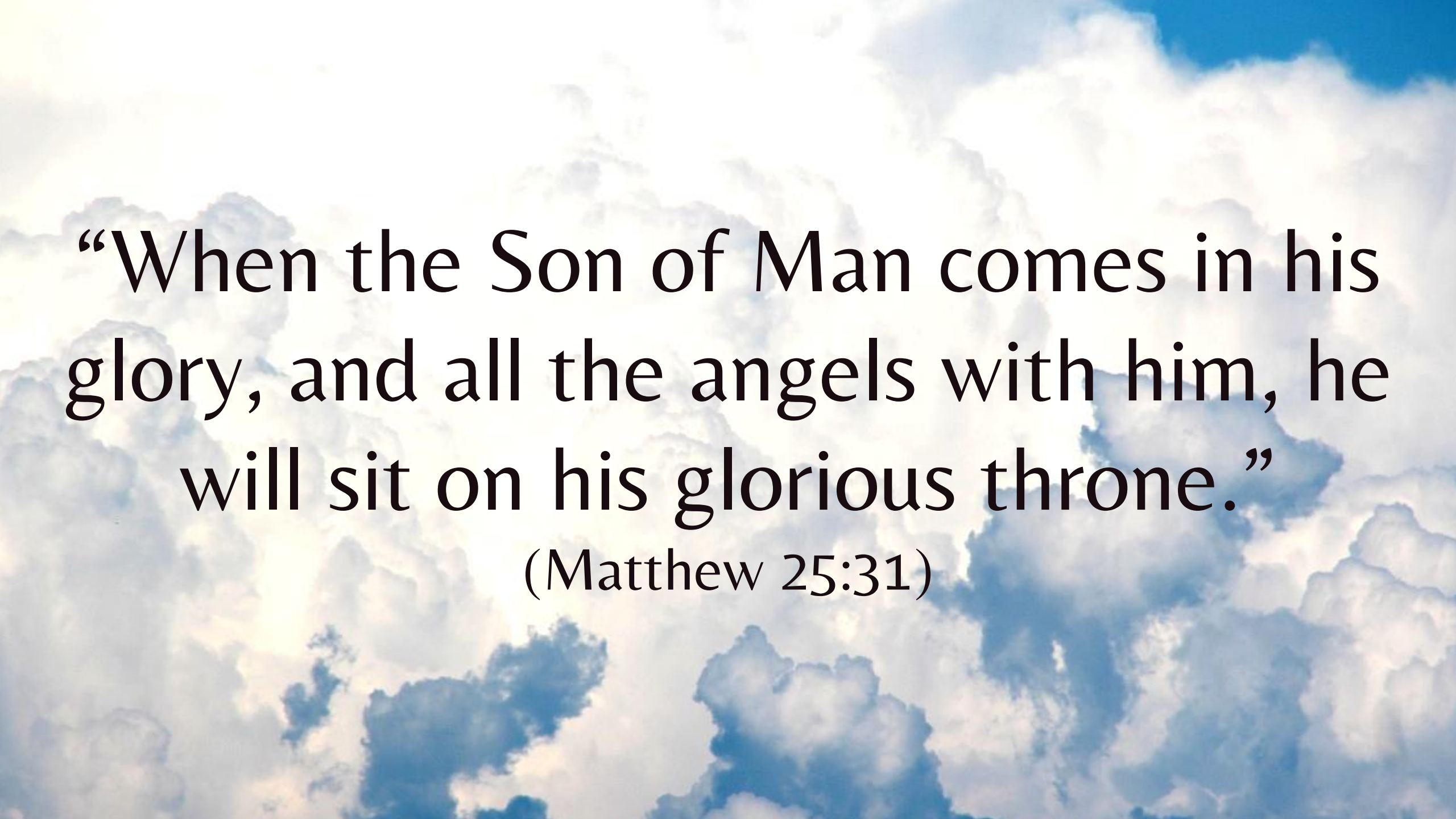
To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.


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“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.”
(Matthew 25:31)


...The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God.
(1 Thessalonians 4:16).


Look, he is coming with a clouds,
and every eye will see him!
(Revelation 1:7)


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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.

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OFFERING SONG: #609 We Praise You,
O God, Our Redeemer (vs. 1)

We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ✝ Our preschool ministry and families
- ✝ Our newly elected state and national leaders

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #870

O Church, Arise (vs.1-4)

V1.

O Church, arise and put your armor on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.

...

With shield of faith and belt of truth
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold whose battle cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

V2.

Our call to war— to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword
that makes the wounded whole
we will fight with faith and valor.

...

When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have
the prize for which he died—
an inheritance of nations.

V3.

Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes
lie crushed beneath his feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!

...

And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

V4.

So Spirit come,
put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run
with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.

...

As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls
and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!

Follow up materials and encouragement will be coming your way!

VOLUNTEER EVENT

Interfaith Outreach™

Igniting the power of community

Saturday, November 14 | 12-3:00pm



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Friday 11/6 @ 7 PM

Saturday 11/7 @ 7 PM

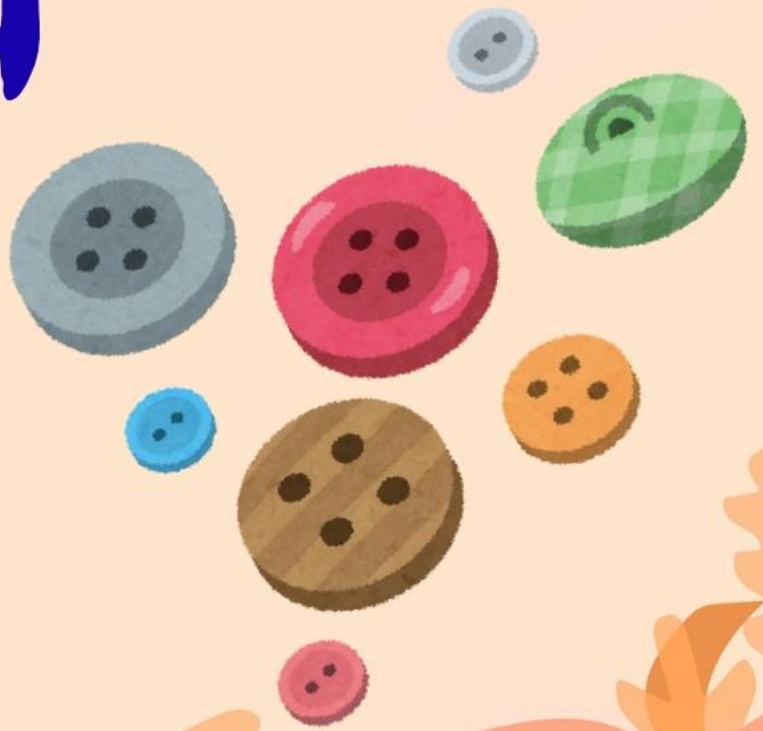
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✝ Preschool Children

✝ AV Team

✝ Serving: Flock #2 – Eric Olson

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