



Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. — Matthew 25:13 NKJV



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The Last Sunday of the Church Year — Trinity XXVII

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INTROIT

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 45:14–15

Alleluia. In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #514 – The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation (page 17)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 149

What does God instruct His people to do? (verses 1-3)

What does the two-edged sword represent?

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Isaiah 65:17-25

This reading describes the Lord's new creation. When does it take place? (verse 17)

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 200 (pages 177-178)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 25:1-13

Who is the Bridegroom?

How are the virgins similar and different?

What do the lamp and oil represent?

Why is it important to be prepared and ready like the wise virgins?

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

What is the day of the Lord? (verse 2) And, how is it like a "thief in the night"? (verse 4)

Compare "sleep" in verses 6-7 to the "sleep" in verse 5 of the Gospel lesson.

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Third Article of the Creed with Explanation and the Last Sunday of the Church Year — Trinity XXVII?