Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign
attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

10 "On that day," declares the Lord,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers, you have no need to have anything written
to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3While people are saying, "There is peace and secu-
rity," then sudden destruction will come upon them
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For
you are all children of light, children of the day. We
are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let
us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and
those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since
we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us
for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore
encourage one another and build one another up,
just as you are doing.

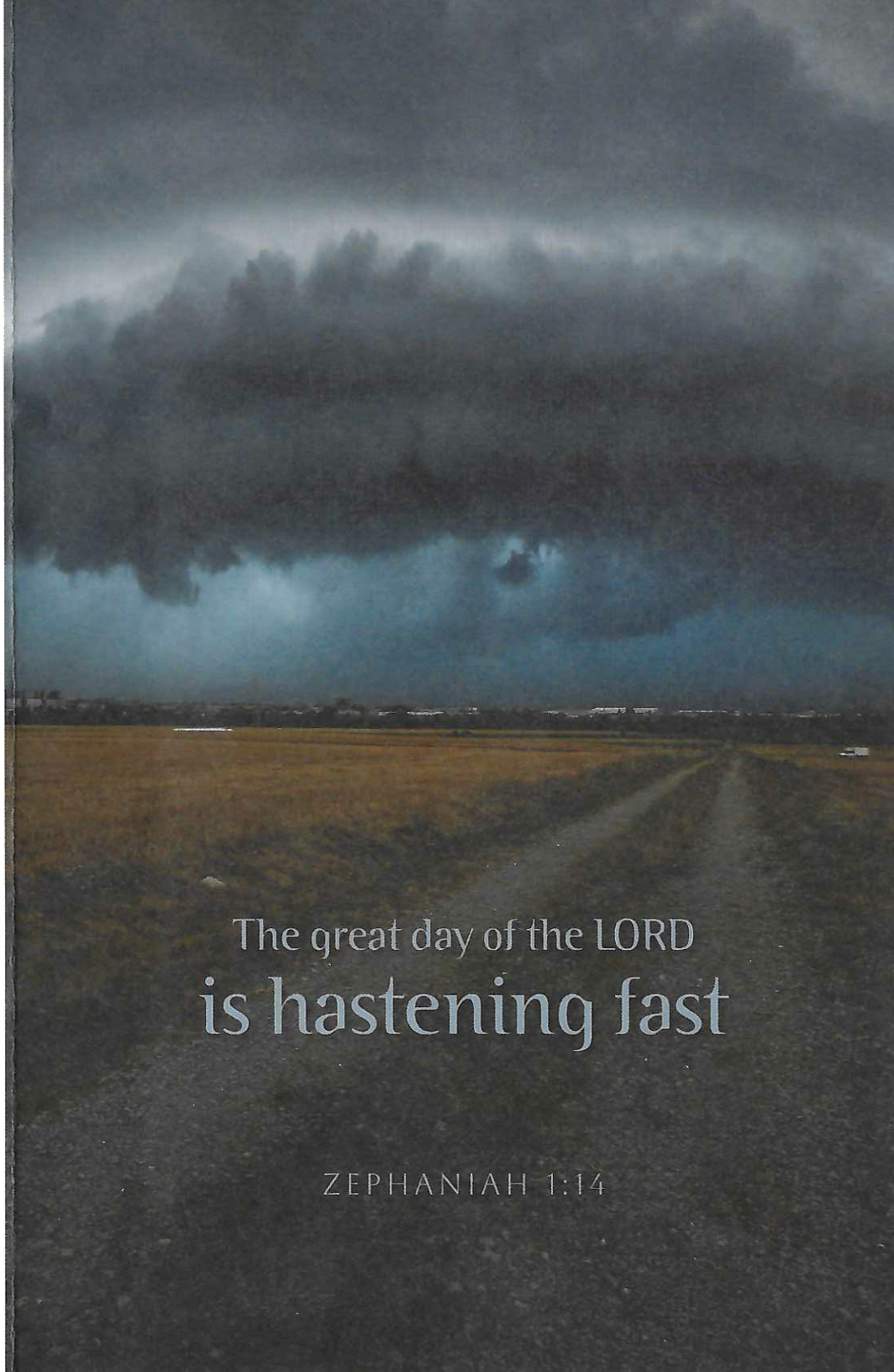
Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

14[Jesus said:] "It will be like a man going on a
journey, who called his servants and entrusted to
them his property. 15To one he gave five talents,
to another two, to another one, to each according
to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had
received the five talents went at once and traded
with them, and he made five talents more. 17So
also he who had the two talents made two talents
more. 18But he who had received the one talent went
and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
19Now after a long time the master of those servants
came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who
had received the five talents came forward, bringing
five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to
me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'
21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faith-
ful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I
will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 22And he also who had the two talents came
forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two
talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful
servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set
you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'
24He also who had received the one talent came for-
ward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man,
reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where
you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have
what is yours.' 26But his master answered him, 'You
wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap
where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered
no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and at my coming I should
have received what was my own with interest. 28So
take the talent from him and give it to him who has
the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more
be given, and he will have an abundance. But from
the one who has not, even what he has will be taken
away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'"

Pentecost

About the Cover: The great day of judgment cannot be treated as if it is a day that will be delayed. Whether the end of this earthly life or the return of the Lord comes first, we ought to be sober-minded in waiting for its arrival (1 Thessalonians 5:6). However, we who believe in Christ need not be afraid. For in Christ, the day of judgment has already come at His cross, where He made full atonement for our sins. So, we look only to Him. "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

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DIVINE WORSHIP -10AM

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Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(PAUSE FOR SELF EXAMINATION)
O almighty God, merciful Father,
I a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.
Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Introit
Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love
And His wonderful deeds for men.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—
Those He redeemed from the hand of the foe.
He lifted the needy out of their affliction
And increased their families like flocks.
The upright see and rejoice,
But all the wicked shut their mouths. 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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Mount Olivet's Communion Statement

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all who have been baptized into the Christian faith; who have received instruction concerning the Sacrament and have been admitted to the Lord's table; who repents of their sins; and who seek the forgiveness and strength to live the new life which the Lord's Supper gives. Members of Lutheran congregations in fellowship with us are welcome to share together with us in the blessings of the Sacrament of the Altar. Others who wish to receive Holy Communion or have questions about our Lutheran understanding of this Sacrament, are invited to have conversation with the Pastor Johnson after the service (if he is available) or by contacting him to set up an appointment. Also, anyone, child or adult, who wishes may come forward at the time of the distribution to receive a blessing.

SERMON NOTES

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Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

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What Response Does God Want? _____

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