

Pentecost 25

To *one*
he gave
FIVE
talents,



to
another
TWO,

to *another*
ONE,
to each
according to
his ability.

Matthew 25:15



November 19, 2023

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW #765

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“We Praise Your Holy Name”

We need you God to fill us with your ho-ly pre-sence. to be our
You sent your Son who sa-cri-ficed His life to save us. to take a -
hope when life is so un-sure. For peace with-in our hearts,
way the sins of the world. We're here to wor-ship You.
com-fort to our souls. We pray for u-ni-ty.
here to give our thanks We praise Your Ho-ly Name.
We praise your Ho-ly Name

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

“We Gather Together” – arr. Page

Adult Handbells

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant

woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter twenty-five.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also

came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

"How Do You See God?"

Pastor Kathy

Hymn of the Day

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW #635 vs 1,3&5

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| <p>1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."</p> <p>5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.</p> | <p>3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:</p> |
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Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Song

"Come to the Table"

ELW #481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given “for you and for all people.” For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

“Blest Are They”

ELW #728

Verse 1

Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the Kingdom of God

Verse 2

Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill *Refrain*

Verse 3

Blest are they who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God *Refrain*

Verse 4

Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith
The glory of God is theirs *Refrain*

Verse 5

Blest are you who suffer hate
All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see *Refrain*

Text: David Haas, b. 1957 Music: David Haas

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Communion Hymn

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

ELW #474

Refrain

Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain*
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain*
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain*
- 5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;

trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW #807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



In Our Prayers This Week:

Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Marge Feil, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson,
Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Cindy Hillesheim, Nicole Hubert, Sharon Hulke,
Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh, Treacy Meyer,
George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert,
Ruth Skoglund

Family of Ryan Busch

Family of Mike Hylan



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Pianist: Jody Braulick
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Acolytes: (8:30) Toby Oscarson, Kathryn Riebe
 (10:30) Madison Rieke, Brecken Wendinger
Communion Server: (8:30) Joan Krikava
Lector: (8:30) Joan Krikava
Ushers: (8:30) Jim Schmidt, Jim Hulke
P/P: (8:30)
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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
11/5 General Offering	\$ 12,887.67	\$ 373,452.69	\$ 457,202.70
11/5 Building Fund	\$ 945.00	\$ 48,763.99	\$ 47,596.05
TOTAL:	\$ 13,832.67	\$ 422,216.68	\$ 504,798.75
11/5 World Hunger	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,932.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	7:30PM Wed.
11/12/23	150	83	78