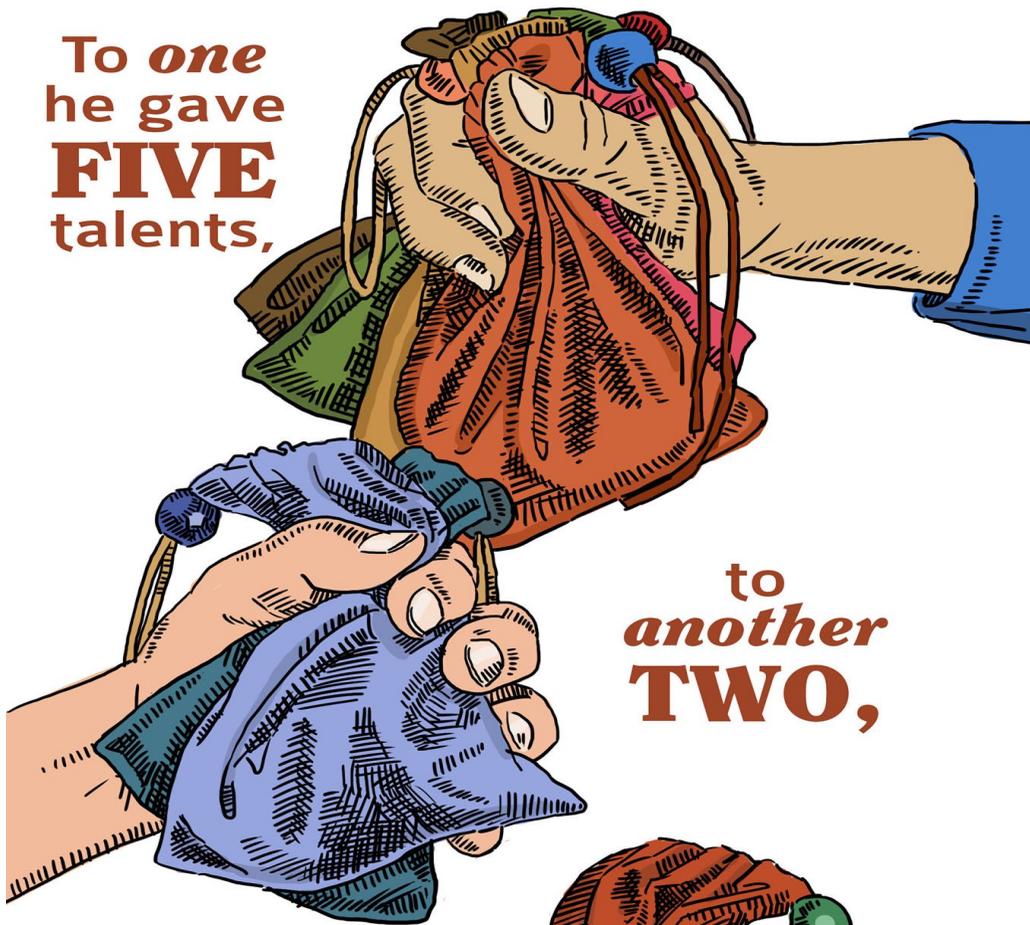


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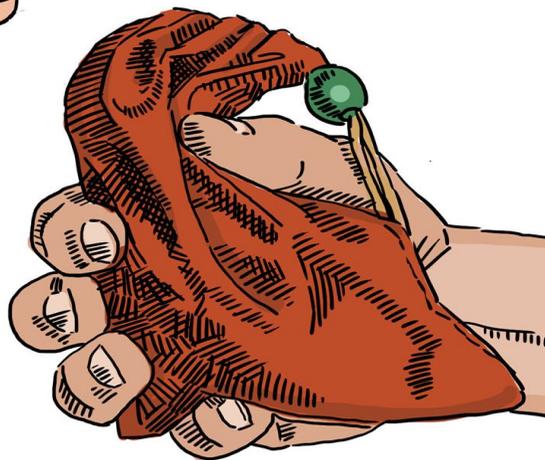
To *one*
he gave
FIVE
talents,



to
another
TWO,

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

Matthew 25:15



10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 15, 2020



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Paul Flo

Elders: Tim Draube & Randy Johnson **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Bill Hanna Team

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Frank Tenuta

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER We read today about three servants. All three received a good and gracious gift from their master. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two reflected the goodness and faithfulness of their master. One refused to act like his master and was punished for his insolence. Consider Jesus, our good and faithful Master, and all that He has done for us and our salvation. As we follow Him, we reflect His goodness and faithfulness.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: You have been our good and faithful Master.

P: You have poured out blessings upon us.

C: You have given us all we need to support this body and life.

P: We meditate on all that You have done.

C: We ponder the work of Your hands.

P: On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.

C: In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.

Opening Song “Above All”

*Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man; You were here before the world began.*

*Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has
ever known,*

*Above all wealth and treasure of the earth; there's no way to measure what You're
worth.*

Crucified and laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

(repeat)

Oh, You were crucified and laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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Nicene Creed

First Lesson Zephaniah 1:7–16 NIV (The Day of the Lord is near.)

⁷Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. ⁸“On the day of the Lord’s sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. ⁹On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit. ¹⁰“On that day,” declares the Lord, “a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be destroyed. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.’”

¹³Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine.”

¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior

shouts his battle cry. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath— a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness— ¹⁶a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers..

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 NIV (Let us live as children of the light.)

¹Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like

others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But 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.

⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30 NIV (The parable of the talents)

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two talents gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received

five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²²“The man with two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴ “Then the man who had received one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’
²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
²⁸ “So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Children’s Message

The Song of Instruction “In Christ Alone”

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
 My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
 'Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

(Interlude)

- 3) There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine Brought with the precious blood of Christ

(Interlude)

- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
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The Word “Backwards Planning”

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Guest Pastor: Rev. Paul Flo

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul’s members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Matthew 5:16—In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Offertory “My Savior, My God”
I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned
I only know at his right hand Stands one who is my Savior

I take him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me: this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high
And for sinful man to die
You count it strange, so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

(Chorus) My Savior Loves, my Savior Lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God; He was, my God; He is
My God; is always gonna be

Yes, living, dying: let me bring
My Strength, my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior (chorus)

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The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Lane Christiansen, Rigger Ferris, Kelsie Monk, Heath Blanford, Jason Sulzbach, Amber Wilkinson, Michael Mertens, Joe Popken, and Paxtyn Wagner. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

Confession and Absolution

P: Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.

P: God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.

INVITATIONAL SONG ("Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION "How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God!

And all will see How great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The God head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (chorus)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!

(Chorus 3 times)

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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song "Shout to the North"

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus: Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome
King of love. (Chorus 2x)

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips. (Chorus)

Rise up, church, with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His Grace again we'll fly. (Chorus 2x)

Lord of heaven and earth.
He is Lord of heaven and earth.
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Matthew 25:21

