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Pentecost XXIV

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*Master, you
delivered to me
five talents*

Matthew 25:20



CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are gathered in this place to worship you and hear your holy Word. We pray that through the Holy Spirit you will open our hearts, that we may believe in Jesus, trust in him for full salvation, and grow daily in faith and godly living. In his name we pray.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Zephaniah 1: 7-16*

Be 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.

“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.

On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit.

“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.

Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be destroyed.

At 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.’

Their 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.”

The 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.
 That 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 black
 ness—a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
 corner towers.

EPISTLE LESSON *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11*

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For 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. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive 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 in fact you are doing.

“O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made”



1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And
 2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All
 3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True



all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at
 tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to
 stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a



your com - mand, And in it now you reign.
 use them well Your king - dom to ex - tend.
 deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your
 We hold each gift a trust from you Nor
 A full ac - count - ing we must give And



hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -
 claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -
 see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your



a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.
 knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.
 throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

SERMON TEXT *Matthew 25: 14-30*

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

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“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!’

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

“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!’

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold 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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“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? 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.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 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. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

SERMON EITHER USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!

- I. The Master gives each of us talents.**
- II. The Master gives each of us opportunities to use our talents.**
- III. The Master requires an audit.**

“Before You I Kneel”

**Before you I kneel, my master and maker,
To offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day you’ve given your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad.
For the strength I have to live and breathe,
For each skill your grace has given me;
For the needs and opportunities
That will glorify your great name.**

**Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness
To cover the work of my hands.
For patience and peace to shape all my labor;
For grace for thorns in my path.**

**Flow within me like a living stream;
Wear away the stones of pride and greed,
Till your ways are dwelling deep in me
And a harvest of life is grown.**

**Before you I kneel, our master and maker;
Establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first your kingdom
In every small and great task.
May we live the gospel of your grace,
Serve you purpose in our fleeting days;
Then our lives will bring eternal praise
And all glory to your great name.**

PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE 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 on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

“Brother, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

**Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.**

**All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.**

**Gracious Lord, accept our service
For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only
In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us;
Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
Praising you forevermore. (CW 484:1,3)**

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Three-year Daily Bible Reading Program

Here are the daily readings for the next two weeks:

Nov 15	Romans 23:20-24:18	Nov 20	Exodus 30, 31	Nov 25	Exodus 36:8-37:9
16	Exodus 25	21	Exodus 32	26	Exodus 37:10-38:31
17	Exodus 26,27	22	Exodus 33	27	Exodus 39,40
18	Exodus 28	23	Exodus 34	28	1 Cor. 1:1-17
19	Exodus 29	24	Exodus 35:1-36:7	29	1 Cor. 1:18-2:16

This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday: Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am
“How to Help a Depressed or Suicidal Friend” Presentation 9:10 am
Bible Information Class 9:10 am
Sunday School, Youth Confirmation 9:10 am
Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Tuesday: Early Risers Bible Class 8:00 am
Piecemakers 9:00 am
Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
IFC Give Thanks Open House 6:00 pm
Bible Information Class 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Prayer Partners 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Worship Services 12:00 & 6:30 pm
Bible Information Class 1:00 pm
Board of Directors 7:30 pm

Thursday: Enduring Word Bible Study 9:00 am
Online Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
Handbell Choir 6:30 pm

Friday: Hannah Gerbing & Jacob Burke Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Saturday: We Need(le) You 9:00 am
Hannah Gerbing & Jacob Burke Wedding 2:00 pm
Bible Information Class 3:30 pm
Worship Service 5:00 pm

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“Being a Christian Kid in the Electronic Age” Presentation 9:10 am
Bible Information Class 9:10 am
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Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Announcements

Presentations: Christian Family Solutions will offer a one-hour presentations for families on Sundays, November 15 and 22 during the Christian education hour between the worship services at 9:10 am. “How to Help a Depressed or Suicidal Friend” will be offered on November 15 by Sarah Reik of Christian Family Solutions. “Being a Christian Kid in the Electronic Age” will be presented on November 22 by Laura Reinke, Marriage & Family Therapist. Please pre-register for these presentations at christpewaukee.org so that we may plan for enough space to allow for social distancing (either in the Grand Hall or Sanctuary).

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Lindsey Smith in loving memory of her dad, Ron.

Call Update: Pastor Matt Hennig has declined our call to serve here at Christ. A new call meeting has been set for Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 pm in the Grand Hall. Plan to join us that evening. We will receive a new call list from our District President.

Thanksgiving Worship Services will be held on Wednesday, November 25 at 12:00 & 6:30 pm and on Thursday, November 16 at 9:00 am.

Pie Fest: Join us for Pie Fest on Wednesday, November 25 after the 6:30 pm service in the Grand Hall. All pies will be pre-made by a bakery and served by volunteers, adhering to CDC guidelines. Since we are unable to accept homemade pies this year, please consider supporting this event by giving a donation or volunteering to cut and serve pies. Contact Deb Heuer at 262-993-3005 or debheuer@att.net if you can help.

November Food Drive: This month you can help our church stock its food pantry shelves to share with people in need. We have bins in the church office to accept non-perishable, non-expired food donations until Sunday, November 29. *Please note that we cannot accept expired food!* Monetary donations to our church food pantry can be placed in the collection plate or turned in to the church office. Checks should be made out to Christ Lutheran Church and please note “food pantry” on the memo line. This year we will be sharing our food drive donations with Tomorrow’s Choice in Waukesha and Lighthouse Youth Center. Thank you for your support!

Advent Worship Services will be held on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 12:00 & 6:30 pm. Due to COVID-19 there will be no Advent meals.

Sunday School Christmas Eve Service Practices will be held on Saturdays, December 5, 12, and 19 from 9:00-10:00 am in the gym. A rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 20 from 9:10-10:10 am in the gym. Parents, please check your email if you have not yet registered your child to participate in the Christmas Eve Service. All children are required to attend the Saturday practices in order to participate in the Sunday School Christmas Eve Service.

Bible Classes

Women's Bible Study will meet on Sunday, November 22 at 1:30 pm.

Sunday School for 3K Preschool through 6th grade is held on Sundays at 9:10 am. Contact Ron Morrow if you have any questions (414-559-8829 or ron2morrow@yahoo.com).

Youth Confirmation for grades 7-8 is held on Sundays at 9:10 am. The class also meets midweek on Tuesdays at 5:45 pm on-site and Thursdays at 5:45 pm on Zoom. To learn more, please contact Pastor Gerbing.

Bible Information Class: Review the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible. This is an excellent class for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church and a good refresher course for members. Class meets weekly on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, Sundays at 9:10 am, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Warnecke if you have any questions.

Early Risers Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 am in the new lower level confirmation room. (Members, look for a Zoom invitation email.) Join us as we see God's grace in the life of God's servant Moses.

Enduring Word Bible Class meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the new lower level confirmation room at church. This week we begin a new series as we study the Book of Esther. (Members, look for a Zoom invitation email.)

The "Noah" Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, November 29 at 9:10 am in the grand hall.

Adult Sunday School will resume on Sunday, November 29 at 9:10 am in the library.

Teen Bible Study will resume on Sunday, November 29 at 9:10 am in the teen room.

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