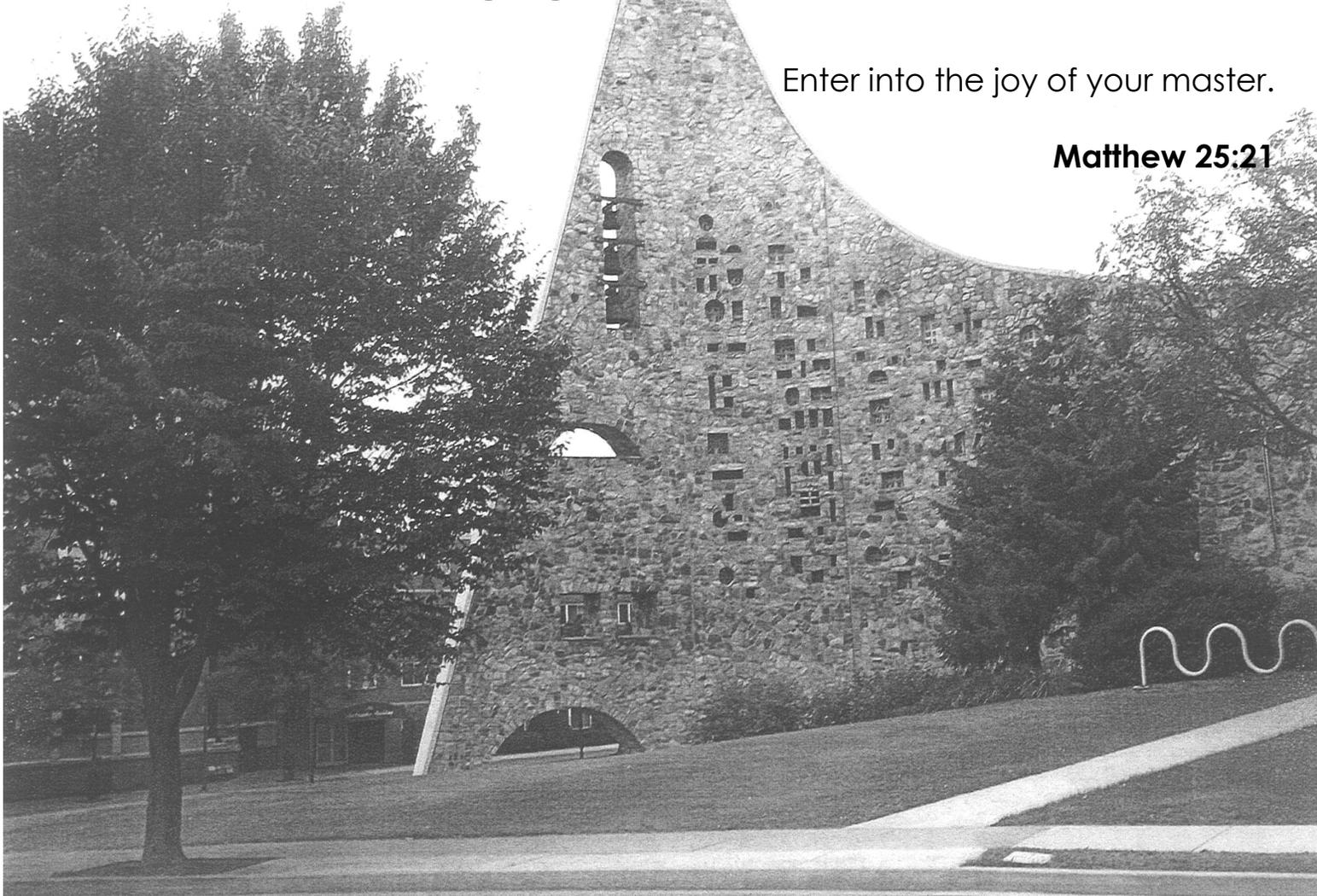


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Matthew 25:21



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ABOUT TODAY'S THEME... Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD. **The Second Lesson:** Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

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PRELUDE

(8:30 & 10:30) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*.....J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHER

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

GATHERING HYMN *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*.....ELW # 707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry -
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

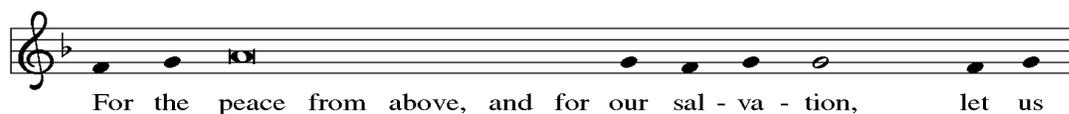
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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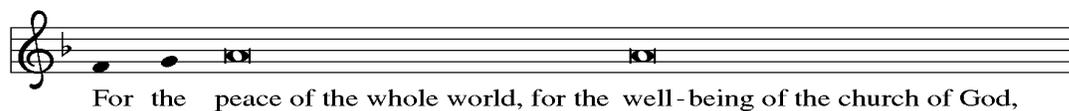
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



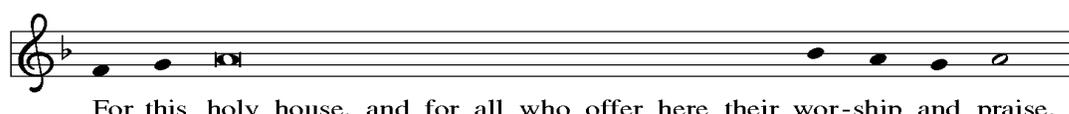
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



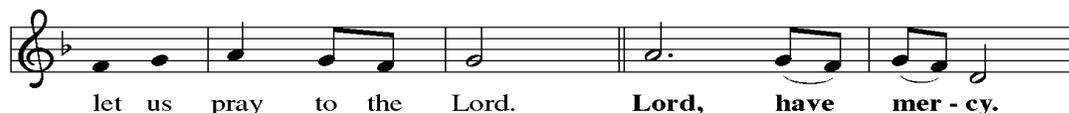
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

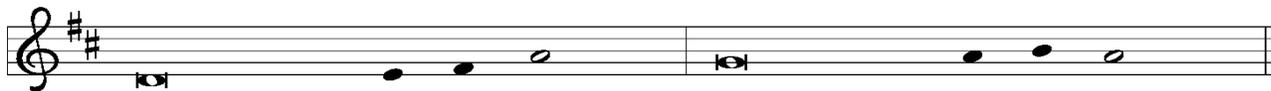
⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth 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.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, 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, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM 90 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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P: Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

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

P: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;

**C: you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:**

P: in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

**C: So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND LESSON.....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.

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

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

[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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*.....ELW # 678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;

na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
 all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.

gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,

thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(8:30) OFFERTORY MUSIC

Grave (from a Voluntary).....John Alcock

*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

(8:30 & 10:30) OFFERING PRAYER

**P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around
your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among
them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance and give
thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and
care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign
and Servant.**

C: Amen.

(10:30) REFER TO PAGE 15

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(8:30)P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:30) C:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become our cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(8:30)For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(8:30) P: Remembering therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30)P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this meal with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30) P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, rejoicing in the hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

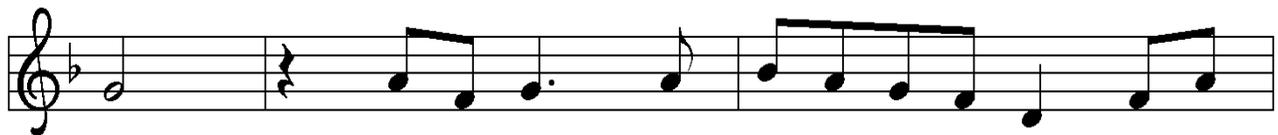
(8:30) **C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C:

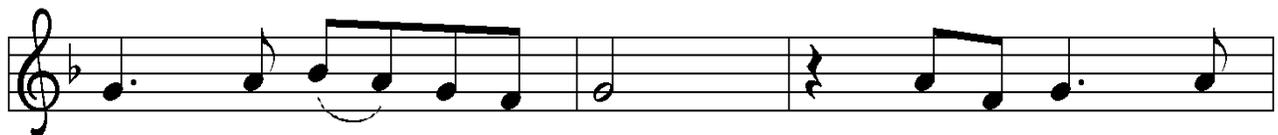
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

You may now consume the communion wafer. During the communion music reflect upon how Christ has come to you in Holy Communion and the many ways Christ comes to you in the ordinary course of each day. Please take the wafer baggie home; it can be recycled.

(8:30) **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Andante (from a Voluntary).....Maurice Greene

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

(8:30) POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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C:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

(10:30) A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards over your good work.

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correcting them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word, enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

C: Amen.

(10:30) **C:Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(8:30 & 10:30)

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

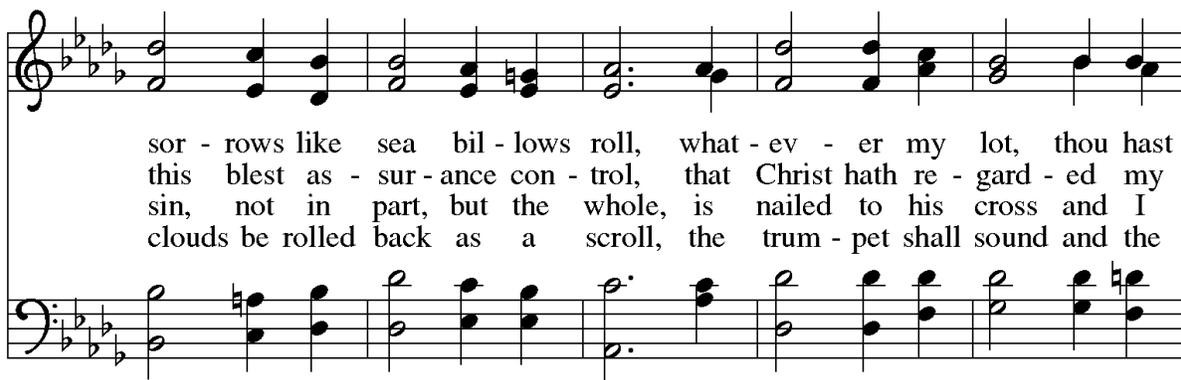
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give + you peace.

C: Amen.

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(8:30 & 10:30) *Immortal, Invisible* (St. Denio).....arr. Michael Burkhardt



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ELW 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
ELW 785 When Peace Like a River

At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

PRAYER CONCERNS for Nov. 15, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim
 Deb Baysinger's cousin
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger
 Debbie Bolthouse
 Mary & Phil Bucher
 Sandy Cassady
 Denise Centini
 Nancy Chapa
 Scott Cocolin
 Carol Confer
 Cathy Cutter
 William Davies
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla
 Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders
 Steve Ellis
 Craig Evanego
 Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
 Vicki Garvin
 Alice Griffin

Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will
 Shawn Hintosh
 Dick Houtz
 Bob Igoe
 Cindy Keith
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips
 June Krumrine
 The family of Wanetta Lohr, upon her death
 Paul & Sandy Larson
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd
 Shirley Lucas
 Tom Lucas
 Paul Mackes
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren
 Dennis McClure
 Danielle McHenry
 Kim Marsh
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller
 Amy Nevling
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe
 Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling

Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins
 Sophia Reutzel
 Dottie Roberts
 Becky Rogers
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert
 Lance Schul
 Ken Shultz
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Emily & Charlotte Speary
 The family of Jean Sutherland. upon her death
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite
 Brenda & Ken Walsh
 Greg Weimer
 Janet Zerbe

Members in the hospital



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

Pray that we might trust in God's promises and in the certainty of our salvation through Jesus Christ, and not fret or speculate about when Christ will come again. Ask God to help us live in the present as children of God who share the good news of Jesus Christ, grow the church, strengthen one another and serve their neighbor.

Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran now offers “Drive-In Worship” each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This service is in addition to our live radio broadcast, which continues each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM and on smart devices, as well as our prerecorded video worship services.

Pastors’ weekly podcasts – We invite you to listen to Grace’s podcast, “A Pocketful of Grace,” where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, take along a Pocketful of Grace.



Garden of Readin’ Nov. 17 - The November meeting of Garden of Readin’ (women's book club) will be Tuesday, November 17 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is *Call Your Daughter Home* by Deb Spera, co-facilitated by Linda Domin and Lois Lynn. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more info.



Harvest Home

Harvest Home continues to be celebrated during this season of Thanksgiving as a way to share our bounty with those who are in need.

Through your generosity, you help ALSM fulfill its mission and touch the lives of those we serve throughout our eight-county region. Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran with the memo portion indicating your gift designation for **Harvest Home**. You may also make your gift directly to ALSM online at alsm.org/donate or by mail to 998 Logan Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602.



Adult Forum

Sunday: 9:30 to 10:30 am by ZOOM 1

Join Us
as your schedule allows and
topics are of interest!

Any adult is welcome to join us anytime—no preparation needed. Contact Dotty Delafield (readooodles@me.com) for a zoom link to the class.

November 15: Speaking Up for The Environment

One voice combined with other “one voices” can make a mighty roar. Learn effective ways to advocate for the environmental concerns you care about.

November 22 and 29: break for Thanksgiving

Support Grace's Ministry: Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit www.glcpa.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Knit Wits will **NOT** be sponsoring a Mitten, Hat and Scarf tree this Christmas season. However, donations of winter clothing items for local children and youth can be dropped off at the YSB office, located at 325 West Aaron Drive, State College 16803. Face masks are required. YSB's phone number is 814-237-5731.



Sign up to help with Christmas Eve Living Nativity on Dec. 24 in Grace parking lot

Help us tell the Good News of Jesus' birth in a new way as a living nativity scene along with live animals this Christmas Eve in front of the building at Grace. We have costumes or can give you DIY options and more information as you sign up. Please go to our Sign Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod48aef2ea4f5c52-christmas> Review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. While most participants can distance, Joseph and Mary do need to come from the same house. Thank you! Contact pastorhetrick@glcpa.org or faithformation@glcpa.org with any questions.

The Jana Marie Foundation is the recipient of the **November Bucket Collection**. Our Faith Formation team, using an ELCA grant, teamed with the foundation to have programming focused on youth depression, anxiety, and suicide prevention. Some of the training included adults and many of us took advantage of the programs. As a congregation we hope to work with The Jana Marie Foundation again. You may donate through Tithe.ly by going to the church website and clicking on the 'Give' button or by mailing a check with "Jana Marie Foundation" in the memo line to the church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, PA 16801





It's time for Grace Lutheran's **Jared Box Collection!** Will you make a box? What is a Jared Box? A Jared Box is a plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love.

We will have the plastic storage boxes, instructions, and suggested gifts lists available. Pick up yours on Sundays 8:30 – 11:30 and Wednesdays 6:00 -7:00. Drop off your boxes at the same times. Dedication Sunday is Nov 22 – bring your shoebox back by then!

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing funding for this project!

Learn more about The Jared Box Project at: [http://](http://www.thejaredbox.com)

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Questions? Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or



Masks Needed-Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at cwhite@cvim.net or 814-231-4043.



Interfaith
Human Services

Bell Ringing for IHS!

The Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Campaign will run November 27th through December 23rd. Grace Lutheran has always been a part of this event by ringing bells at Meyer Dairy. Our date is **Tuesday, December 15th**. Bell ringing is fun, will be outside, bundled up, masked, and no singing.

Sign-up for hours between 9am to 8pm. Children may help, but must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com to sign up for an hour of this enjoyable activity while helping to support the programs at IHS.



So many of you have contributed to the State College Food Bank via Grace during the ongoing pandemic. It's our response to Jesus' love, isn't it? For now, we'll continue with monetary donations only. Please donate via Tithe.ly at glcpa.org. Click on the 'give' button at the top of the page OR send a check to church with 'food bank' written in the memo line and mail it to 205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801.

Word in Season devotional booklets available – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at sallykb@verizon.net.

FROM US TO YOU



Christmas Cards for Inmates

"Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them." Heb:13:3

Join with Grace and make a Christmas card for inmates.
Pick up a card and instructions from the cart outside the church doors.
M-F 8-2 and Sun at 8:30

Please return cards by Sunday, November 22nd.



Substitute Teacher Positions for 2020-2021

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten (GLPK) is searching for substitute teacher's aides and teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. No experience is necessary for the substitute teacher's aides positions. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial, but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org or call her at 238-8110 for more information.



Faith 5[™]



SHARE

a "high" and a "low" – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



READ

from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



TALK

about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



PRAY

with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



BLESS

with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking+ faith home

The importance of encouraging one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents
Monday	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Judgment of Judah
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Encourage one another
Wednesday	Judges 4:1-7	Deborah and Barak
Thursday	Psalms 123	A prayer for mercy
Friday	Philemon 1:4-7	Philemon's love and faith
Saturday	Psalms 90:1-12	God is eternal
Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, we thank you for the body of Christ that helps us when life is difficult and our faith is weak. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, you who make the earth fruitful, we thank you for this meal that strengthens our bodies and encourages our souls. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Almighty God strengthen your soul through brothers and sisters in Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Will You Let Me Be
Your Servant*

taking+ faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you support someone when they are discouraged or are feeling down?
- How has someone supported you when you were in need of encouragement?
- Why do you think Christians need support and encouragement from one another?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

Good times and hard times can happen—and change—rather quickly (v. 3). Daily life is fragile. Life experiences can change dramatically with a phone call. What is constant is the need to care for one another and build up the body of Christ. There are important connections between this text and the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. God has gifted us to use our vocation, our calling in life as a child of God, to do God's work in the world. If we do not do this, if we ignore or hide our calling, the ministry of the church suffers. Instead, we are to trust in a God who acts; we are not to fall prey to complacency and speak and live as though God is not present and active in our lives and history (Zephaniah 1:12). Paul reminds the people that they—and we—are to reach out to others—especially our brothers and sisters in the faith. We are to do so with encouragement to live each day in faith, love, and hope because of the God who acts and has given us "salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:9). How are you encouraged by others to live your faith? How do you encourage others?

Pray: God of grace, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses that walk alongside us to strengthen us in faith, love, and hope through Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus' parable of the talents makes a strong case for every Christian to have a calling, to use one's gifts and passions to serve the church and the world. Make a list of how to use your gifts and talents to serve the church and world around you.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

A talent in Jesus' day was money. Jesus tells a story about three servants. One hid his money and never used it. In our day, we think of a talent as a natural ability to be good at something. If we are good at something, we should not hide our talent but use it to the best of our ability. Drawing, singing, and dancing are a few talents. Think of what talent(s) you have and in what ways you can tell others about Jesus by using that talent. Each day this week choose one talent to use and say this prayer: Dear God, help me to use my talents, whether big or small, so that others know you. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org