



*“Enter into the Joy of Your
Master”*

Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 8:00 am

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Traditional Service)**

AS WE GATHER

We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.

Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk ().*

THE PRELUDE

Alexander Tran, Accompanist

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

Pastor Chris Matthis

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

*INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.

People: Amen.

***KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

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Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

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1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 1:7-16

(The great Day of the Lord)

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

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.

On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

"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.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

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.'
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."
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.
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,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-12

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place

People: in all generations.

Pastor: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth
and the world,

People: from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Pastor: You return man to dust

People: and say, "Return, O children of man!"

Pastor: For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

People: or as a watch in the night.

Pastor: You sweep them away as with a flood;

People: they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

Pastor: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

People: in the evening it fades and withers.

Pastor: For we are brought to an end by Your anger;

People: by Your wrath we are dismayed.

Pastor: You have set our iniquities before you,

People: our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

Pastor: For all our days pass away under Your wrath;

People: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

Pastor: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

People: yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Pastor: Who considers the power of Your anger,

People: and our wrath according to the fear of You?

Pastor: So teach us to number our days

People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

△ **All: 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.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(Jesus' return will come like a thief in the night.)

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA and VERSE

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

(The Parable of the Talents)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And 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.' His 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.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His 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.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and

gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For 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. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE Kristin Schmidt (5 pm); Tom Sprankle (8 am)

SERMON HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And, in Jesus Christ His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.epiphanylc.org and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.



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***RECOGNITION OF VETERANS AND PRAYER**

*“Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.”
(Psalm 144:1)*

Pastor: O Lord, we remember on this day the horrors of war and the mercies of Your providence in the past. We give You thanks for those who have served in our armed forces and the families that have loved them, missed their presence, interceded in prayer for them, and rejoiced in their return. Especially, though, we pray for those families who did not see their loved ones return because they gave their lives in defense of freedom and this land that we love. May we never forget the sacrifices that have been made for us by these courageous men and women. Lord of the nations, we pray, according to Your good and gracious will, that You would grant peace among nations in this time as well. Put into the hearts of rulers and nations the desire to avert bloodshed, strife, and selfishness, and cause all to see the folly of war. You guarantee to all eternal peace in Christ. May Your Gospel be proclaimed that the foundation

of love may be laid in Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace. In His name we ask it.

People: Amen.

(from The Lutheran Book of Prayer.)

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND

(November 14-15, 2020)

Readings: (*Old Testament*) Zephaniah 1:7-16 (*Psalms*) Psalm 90:1-12
 (*Epistle*) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (*Holy Gospel*) Matthew 25:14-30

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	11:00 am
Preacher	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
Elders	<i>Mitch Arndt</i>	<i>Michael Huntley</i>	<i>Joel Crosswhite</i>
Accompanist	<i>Alexander Tran</i>	<i>Alexander Tran</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>
Sound System		<i>Mike Kozimko</i>	<i>Tim Schneider</i>
Video			<i>Tim Schneider</i>
Acolytes			<i>Micah Lindahl</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Karen Engebretson</i>		
Children's Message	<i>DCE Kristin Schmidt</i>	<i>Tom Sprankle</i>	<i>Laura Hefta</i>
Nursery		NURSERY CLOSED	NURSERY CLOSED
Greeters			
Lectors			<i>Kristin Schmidt</i>
Snacks	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended
Ushers			



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