



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



LOVED AND LOVING

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 14, 2020 - 5:00 PM

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-WORSHIP SONG “Joy in the Morning Shall Be Mine”
(Mixed Quartet with Handbells)

D. Wagner

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”
(sts. 1, 3 & 4)

Hymn 904

**Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.**

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

People: Amen.

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

People: You have been our good and faithful Master.

Vicar: You have poured out blessings upon us.

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

Vicar: We meditate on all that You have done.

People: We ponder the work of Your hands.

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

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

Vicar: 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.

Vicar: Heavenly Father,

People: 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.

Vicar: God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a 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. We are loved.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

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"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (sts. 1 & 3)

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.**

**To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:**

**"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**

**You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

John 13:35

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-8

⁴So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. ⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.” ⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-18, 4:7-11, 18-19

3¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **4**⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another... ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated”
(Mixed Quartet with Violin)

arr. J. Rouse

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property 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 the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent 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? ²⁷Well 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“Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***SERMON HYMN** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross. My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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THE SERMON “Stewards Sent to Serve - Part 2: Loved and Loving”

***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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***THE BENEDICTION**

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.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"
(sts. 1, 4 & 5)

Hymn 920

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

**We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Lector	Jan Struck
The Usher/Greeter Team	Bill McComb, Bill Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Instrumentalist	Sarah Duffy
The Handbell Ringers	Members of Trinity Bells
The Mixed Quartet	Wynn Bonner, Peggy Jo Griffin, Vicar Michael Duffy, Leah Welter
The Sound Technician	Bruce Wales
The Elder on Duty	Georgia Fisher
The Lectors	Sharon Marinelli, Dr. Ken Rogers
The Robing Leader	Leah Welter
The Crucifer	Jessica Steffen
The Candle Bearers	Steven Reimann, Kenzie Wootton
The Acolytes	Maclain Irby, Vera Terry
The Welcome Team Ushers	Donna Enzor, Carl Rod, Larry Walker

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