

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

11:00AM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Zeph. 1:7b; 1 Thes. 5:11; Mat. 25:29a

P The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

C and consecrated His guests.

P Encourage one another

C and build one another up.

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C and he will have an abundance.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9; Psalm 90:17

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.

The Lord has consecrated His guests,

**C but we have been more attentive to the things of this world.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

P Build one another up,

**C but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His
coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord
our God be upon us.**

P To everyone who has will more be given,

**C but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He
has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

P The favor of the Lord is on you! 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,

The star of my life way to is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
The night and the day are both a - like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1:7-16

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Grant Peace, We Pray”

Mendelssohn/Schalk

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Day is Surely Drawing Near” **508**

St. 1-2, 5-7

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior.

Gathered in His name we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood in these last days. Gather us together, we pray, with all who have heard the Gospel and have come to faith, who with us shall receive Your “well done” commendation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” 663

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 621

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” 655

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

YOU
ARE
all
CHILDREN
OF



LIGHT

1 THESS. 5:5