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Parable

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Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND

November 19, 2023

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

**ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!**

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy...may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "All Hail the Power..." ELW 634 vs.1,5,6

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

**FIRST READING:** *Zephaniah 1:7-18* PB 765

<sup>7</sup> Be 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. <sup>8</sup> And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who dress themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish all who leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup> On that day, says the LORD, a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup> The inhabitants of the Mortar wail, for all the traders have perished; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup> Their 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. <sup>14</sup> The 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.

<sup>15</sup> That 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, <sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup> I 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. <sup>18</sup> Neither 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. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**PSALM:** *Psalm 90:1-12* PB 476-477 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place<sup>[a]</sup> in all generations. <sup>2</sup> **Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.** <sup>3</sup> You turn us<sup>[b]</sup> back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals." <sup>4</sup> **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.** <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; <sup>6</sup> **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.** <sup>7</sup> For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. <sup>8</sup> **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.** <sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end<sup>[c]</sup> like a sigh. <sup>10</sup> **The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span<sup>[d]</sup> is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.** <sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. <sup>12</sup> **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

**SECOND READING:** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11* PB 960-961

**(read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> **For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** <sup>3</sup> When 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! <sup>4</sup> **But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;** <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> **So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,** <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> **But 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.** <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> **who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.** <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Oh, For a Thousand..." ELW 886 vs.6

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**\*GOSPEL** *Matthew 25:14-30* PB 807

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661

**\*OFFERING** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" ELW 686 vs.1

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*NICENE CREED** pg. 104

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**SING:** Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg.112

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671

#### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to serve the Lord, and share the Good news of Christ!

**We will! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!** If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

#### **Serving this Sunday**

*Ushers:* Terry Smith

*Reader:* Julie Mutch

*Prayer:* Paul Mutch

*Communion:* N/A

*Fellowship:* R. Johnsons & Soboliks

#### **Serving Next Sunday (11/26/23)**

***Ushers: ??—sign up on the clipboard***

*Reader:* Paul Mutch

*Prayer:* Julie Mutch

*Communion:* N/A

*Fellowship:* R. Stover Family

### **Our Savior's Mission Statement:**

**"Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach,  
**we are our Savior's!"**

## CALENDAR

Today, 11/19/2023— 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 11/22/2023

3:30pm—NO Confirmation Class

7:00pm—Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Free Lutheran Church

Thursday, 11/23/2023

**Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!**

Next Sunday, 11/26/2023—Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday in the church year)

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship—Cake, Mints, & Grapes in celebration of R. & C. Stover's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

**Please stay and help the Aamodts & Reinholds decorate the church for Advent/Christmas!**

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Nov. – Dec.: FOOD PANTRY
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>: Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting in Larimore. Time: Unknown
- Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: WELCA Christmas Program—bring your Christmas Bells with you!
- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: **Sunday School Christmas Program; Potluck to follow**—no need to bring desserts as the **Youth Group is doing a Bake Sale Fundraiser.**



## **PRAYER LIST**

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: [oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

### **We pray for those in need:**

Ron Petsinger      Family of Jone Barnick (mother of Pr. Raenelle)      Red Willow Bible Camp  
Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior  
and Lord      Jerry Madson (Sherry Voight's dad)  
Viola Lee      Gloria Temple      Lois Jemtrud  
Mark Sletten      Betty Olson      Pr. Rena Peterson  
Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson)      Robbie Leake  
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson*  
(*non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

### **Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:**

LaVonne Jacobson      Vicki Sweeney  
Dolores Mutch      Marv Jemtrud      Arlene Lilja

### **Prayers for Armed Service Members:**

Robert Norman      Dillon Norman