

# Pentecost 24 Stewardship Sunday November 15, 2020

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“For the Fruit of All Creation”**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**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**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also be with you**

**P** Righteous God, our 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.

**C** **Amen**

**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

<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>12</sup> At 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.’ <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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

**SOLO**

**“Life’s Railway to Heaven”**

**Bonnie Schaff**

**SECOND READING:** I Thessalonians 5:1-11

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, beloved, 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

# The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C** Glory to you, O lord.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then 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.” <sup>21</sup>His 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.” <sup>22</sup>And 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.” <sup>23</sup>His 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.” Then 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; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” <sup>26</sup>But 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? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For 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. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Cady**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Take My Life That I May Be”

## **PRAYERS**

**P** Let us lift grateful prayers for the world and all its needs.

**AM** For the gift of the Church, that we may share our faith, hope, and love.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**AM** For the gift of our neighbors, that all may share their best gifts.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**AM** For the gift of creation, that its bounty may fill every life.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**AM** For any other needs that are known to us... May our Lord’s help relieve people of their burdens.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

P For all these things, and all else you see that we need, Lord, we offer our prayers in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

## SANCTUS

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**



## COMMUNION

***Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.  
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.***

P The Body of Christ, given for you. C **Amen.**

P The Blood of Christ, shed for you. C **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **BLESSING**

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

## **CLOSING**

**L** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*When you depart, please exit through the door marked "Exit," moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.*

*Please exit from the back pews first.*

*Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.*

***Presiding Pastor: Dr. G. Scott Cady  
Adrienne Weik: music director  
Steve DiStefano and the Weingart Family: broadcasting engineers  
Thank you to the assisting minister and the soloist  
and to all the ushers helping out today***

# **Pledge Form – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**

*“...God loves a cheerful giver” II Corinthians 9:7*

Please print your name here \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your best contact information \_\_\_\_\_

As a partner in the mission and ministry of St. Paul’s, please accept my estimate of my offerings for 2021. Grateful for my many blessings, and seeking to be a blessing to others, I will participate in the following ways: (Please check all that apply)

- I will worship as regularly as I am able, person, online, or via the website \_\_\_\_\_
- I will serve on a committee: Christian Education\_\_\_\_; Worship and Arts\_\_\_\_; Property\_\_\_\_; Finance\_\_\_\_; Fellowship\_\_\_\_; Evangelism\_\_\_\_; Stewardship\_\_\_\_; Safety\_\_\_\_; Sharing Garden\_\_\_\_; Memorial Garden\_\_\_\_; Caring Committee\_\_\_\_; Funeral Reception Committee\_\_\_\_
- I will join a group: Altar Guild\_\_\_\_; Craft Group\_\_\_\_; Bible Study, Tuesday Evening Zoom\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Morning\_\_\_\_; W/ELCA\_\_\_\_; Grounds Clean-up Crew\_\_\_\_
- I will assist in worship: Assisting Minister\_\_\_\_; Usher/ Greeter\_\_\_\_
- I will pray regularly for the faithfulness and effectiveness of the congregation and the well-being of those in need of prayer. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will support outside causes: World Hunger\_\_\_\_; Lutheran Disaster Relief\_\_\_\_; Camp Calumet\_\_\_\_; United Lutheran Seminary\_\_\_\_; Navajo Lutheran Mission\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

- I will seek to grow in my faith and will share my spiritual gifts as I can do so. \_\_\_\_\_

Because of my circumstances, I am not able to commit to any of the categories above currently, except to pray.

Please add my name to the prayer list: \_\_\_ Please ask the Pastor to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

I will make financial offerings as I am able: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week; \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ per year (Many have found electronic giving to be useful. If you would like to take advantage of that service, simply call the office.)

**Every adult in the household should fill out one of these forms. For married couples, only one should fill out the financial gift numbers.**

**Thank you for participating in our Pledge Campaign. May God’s blessings be yours.**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Elana Barkasy  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Joe Brancato  
George Bruno  
Brusseau Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrane  
Nancy Colon  
Wayne Crossman  
Barry Demkar  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Gerard Doll  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Carol Falcone  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Barbra Fletcher  
Holly & Elsie Florio  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
Brad Herzberg  
David Hilton  
Jim Hornfischer  
Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Rick and Christa Kozik  
Burke LaClair  
Jeff Lajoie and family

Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Judy Ludwig  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Mervin Mank  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Barbara Miller  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Denise Murphy  
Doris Murphy  
Michael Meyers  
Joyce Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Louis Pagano  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Pastor Jim Pence  
Wally Pence  
Marge Raspiller  
Gladys Reil  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Dave Roskopf  
Chris Samele  
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick  
Rosemary Schibi  
Jay Shaw  
Linda Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Jon Sterling  
John & Robin Thurlough  
Ruth Torsiello  
Reid Underwood  
Cathy Winzler  
Jean Marie Witt  
Anna Woike

Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Janice  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Tom S.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Tom D.  
Pam  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family

### Family and Friends of Evelyn Moe

### Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
John Feldmann  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner

### Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**