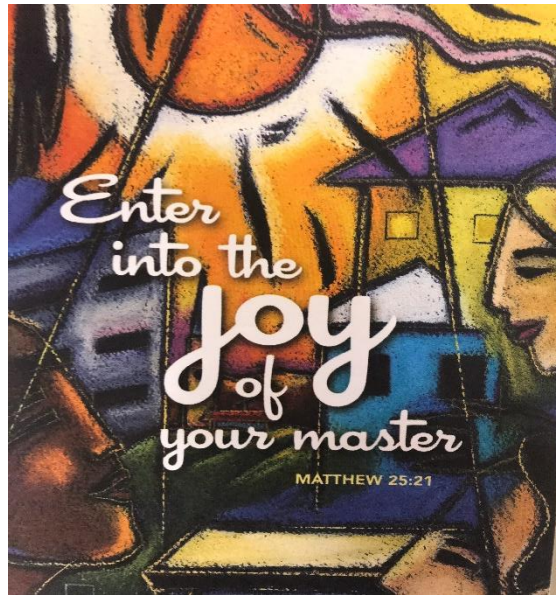


THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Digital Worship



November 15, 2020

Rev. Christopher Buresh

*As we enter this time of digital worship, we do so alongside the Body of Christ in a spiritual space while we abstain from doing so in a physical space. Please participate by reading aloud along with the leader the parts of the service which are **bolded** and standing where you find the + symbol.*

We will also be sharing virtually in Holy Communion. We would invite those who desire to partake to prepare by setting up a space with elements suitable for eating and drinking. Suggestions for these elements include bread, crackers, wine, juice or water.

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

+ THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



+ THE 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.

THE FIRST READING FOR THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lector: Matt Brett

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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



Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.' ²¹His 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.' ²²And 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.' ²³His 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.’ ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”



Here ends the Holy Gospel.

THE SERMON: “The Most Talented Person in the World”

THE ANTHEM: “Then Sings My Soul”

Vocalist: Aaron Basch Pianist: Cindy Gansel

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+ THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The
Apostles’
+ Creed +

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Guide and inspire your church here, in Coronationville and around the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable and inspire all leaders to act for the dignity of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, illness, unemployment, loneliness and grief with your radiant light (*especially*). Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



THE OFFERING

We invite you to continue in your faithful support of God's work by contributing electronically during our season of meeting in a virtual world. Please see our website homepage for further instructions on how to participate in electronic giving.

+ THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE 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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.



+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ THE BLESSING AND SENDING

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord's face shine upon us with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God



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Service Notes:

Today's chancel flowers are given by the Christensen family for God's extravagant blessings and by the Meneou family in remembrance of all the veterans who served our country, especially the veterans who had to miss their Honor Flight to Washington D.C. this year.



Our intercessions include:

the hospitalized: Matt Husar (Northwestern)

✠ **The Holy Baptism:** Gwendolen Joelle Massett, daughter of Joseph and Sarah nee Tresner. Born: January 27, 2020. Sponsors: Erin Dunbar and Eric Stecich.

Save the Date! Good Shepherd's Missions Committee is planning its fall clothing drive to provide the homeless with warmth this winter. Donations will be taken this Saturday, November 21 from 9 am until Noon at the FLC. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Our tradition to share the Christmas Spirit with L.S.S.I Foster Children continues. If you would like to help make Christmas extra special for these foster children, please drop off a donation of \$25 dollars and an *unsealed* Christmas card at the church. Due to COVID, LSSI is kindly asking for gift card donations in order for the children to be able to safely shop online. Mrs. Lori, along with her volunteer crew, will purchase the gift cards for you through our Gift Card Youth Fundraiser Program. Donations and *unsealed* Christmas cards will be gladly received November 8 thru December 6.

The first Gift Card order is due next Sunday, November 22. An order form was mailed with the November newsletter and is available on the church website under “news.” Please either mail/email your form or drop it off at the church office. You may pick up your cards on Sunday, November 29 from 10:45 am until Noon or during office hours that week. Please call the office prior to pick-up during the week. Thank you!

Attention Gingerbread House Decorators . . . please call the church office or email Mrs. Lori by November 29 if you would like to RESERVE a house for your family to decorate. We have a limited number of houses. All decorating will be done at your home. We would love a picture of the completed house with the decorators/builders. You may pick up your reserved house and extra goodies kit on December 6 from 11 AM – 2 PM.

A new flower chart is available for 2021. Please stop by church to sign-up, call the church office or email donna@good-shepherd-church.com with your date(s). Thank you!

Good Shepherd responds to the needs presented by COVID

At their recent meeting, members of the Missions Committee expressed great concern about how best to provide for people near and dear to Good Shepherd who have experienced financial hardship due to the challenges of COVID-19. In that spirit, funding was set aside to assist people who are struggling financially due to loss of their expected income. If you are in need, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to discuss the situation and how we can help.

As a community of faith, we strive to stay connected as we together journey through life. Please see the weekly calendar below to see what is happening this week at Good Shepherd, both in person and virtually.

During This Week:

SUN	9:00 AM	Sunday School on YouTube
	10:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship
	11:30 AM	SS Zoom Activity – K–2 nd Grade
MON	7:00 PM	6 th & 7 th Grade Confirmation on Zoom
TUE	10:30 AM	Virtual Bible Study on Facebook
	7:00 PM	Church Council on Zoom
WED	AM	Hymn of the Week on Facebook
THU	7:00 PM	Where Is God? A time of processing, prayer and conversation on Facebook
SAT	9:00 – Noon	Winter Clothing Drive
SUN	9:00 AM	Sunday School on YouTube
	10:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship
	10:30	1 st Gift Card Order Due

Also, know that Pastor Chris is happy to set up a zoom meeting or phone call with anyone who wants or needs to chat during this time. You are not alone! May you see God at work in and around you this week ahead.