



Concordia Lutheran Church
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 19, 2023



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Prelude

Welcome to Concordia!

Pastor Ray Rohlf

Opening Hymn *"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"*

Red Hymnal # 27

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Absolution

The Sharing of the Peace

Introit

Psalm 107:8, 1-2 & 41-42

P: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

C: **and his wonderful deeds for men.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

C: **his love endures forever.**

P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this

C: **those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.**

P: He lifted the needy out of their affliction

C: **and increased their families like flocks.**

P: The upright see and rejoice

C: **but all the wicked shut their mouths.**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

P: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

C: **and his wonderful deeds for men.**

Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Maroon Hymnal pg 155

The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with your spirit.**

ALL: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the first chapter of Zephaniah:

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

“On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’

Their goods 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.”

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Zephaniah 1:7-16

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from the fifth chapter of First Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not

in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Triple Hallelujah

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The Gospel Reading

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful

servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25: 14-30

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn *"Take My Life, O Lord, Renew"*

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| 1. Take my life, O Lord, renew,
Consecrate my heart to you;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them sing your ceaseless praise. | 2. Take my hands and let them do
Works that show my love for you;
Take my feet and lead their way,
Never let them go astray. |
| 3. Take my voice and let me sing
Praises to my Savior King;
Take my lips and keep them true,
Filled with messages from you. | 4. Take my silver and my gold,
All is yours a thousand-fold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as you shall choose. |
| 5. Make my will your holy shrine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is your own;
It shall be your royal throne. | 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At your feet its treasure store;
Take my self, Lord, let me be
Yours alone eternally. |

Sermon

"Renewed and 'Talented' Life"

Matthew 25:14-30

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

The Offertory

Red Hymnal pg 22-23

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion

Red Hymnal pg 24-28

Distribution Hymn

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

Red Hymnal # 352

Nunc Dimittis

Red Hymnal pg 29

Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal pg 30

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

C: Amen

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Red Hymnal pg 31

Closing Hymn *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Red Hymnal #644

Announcements