

The Parable of the Talents



St. John's Lutheran Church & Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

1107 14th Street, Clarkston, WA

10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 102 (front of the hymnal p. 145)

The Hymns: 581, In Christ Alone, 438, 577

Personal Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. In all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 581

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of

my

sin

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

C: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

P: For He is our God:

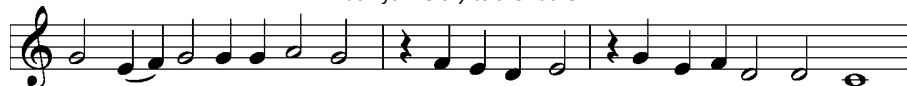
C: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

P: Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:

C: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



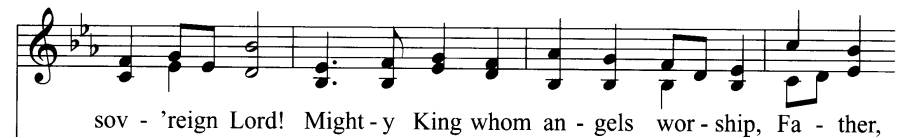
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Hosea 11:1-4,8-9 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son. 2 As they called them, So they went from them; They sacrificed to the Baals, And burned incense to carved images. 3 "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them. 4 I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them. 8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

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C: My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

P: I love the Lord:

C: Because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

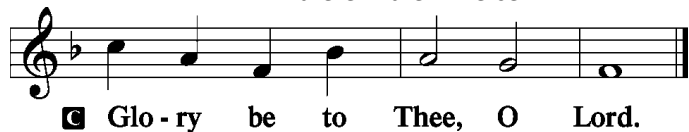
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: With You is the fountain of life:

C: In Your light shall we see light. Hallelujah!



PASTOR The Epistle Reading comes from 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, beginning there in the 1st verse.

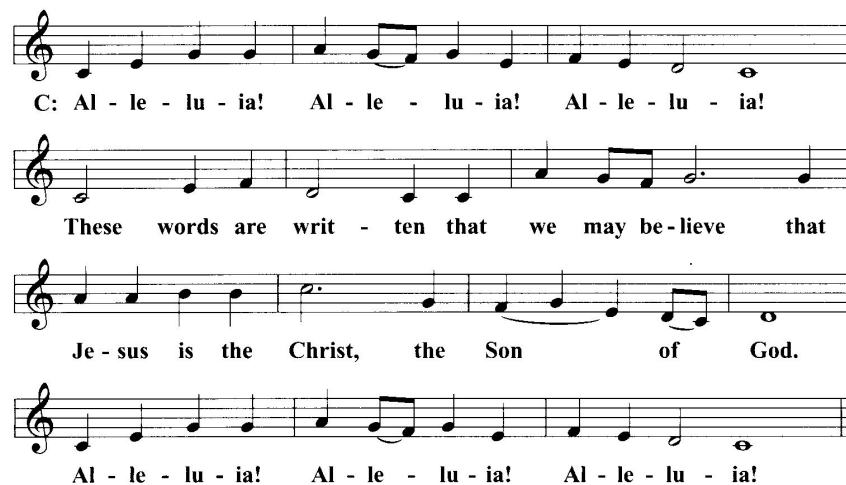


The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

PASTOR: Here ends the Epistle Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn "In Christ Alone" (Insert)

THE SERMON

Matthew 25:14-30 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 "His lord

said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Theme: "JESUS WANTS HIS TALENTS BACK... WITH INTEREST"

- I. Our Lord has much invested in us
- II. Let's invest our talents for Him

Sermon Notes

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me
 Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me,
 Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up -
 hold me with Thy free spir -

it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
 Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
 Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
 That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Hymn 438

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 577

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome to all! If you are a visitor, we appreciate your visiting us this morning. We pray that our Bible-based worship brightened your day and uplifted your heart. Please sign our guest book. If you would like to hear more about our church, feel free to contact the pastor with the information listed on the front of this bulletin.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S - Potluck following service.
Voter's asked to meet briefly - On the agenda: a new member.

VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY NEWS

PARADE FLOAT We plan to build a float featuring a nativity scene that is entered in the Clarkston lighted Christmas parade on Dec. 3rd. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the nativity, and also to walk along with the float to pass out flyers and candy.

NEW STUDENT A kindergartener has joined our school this past week, bringing our enrollment up to 10. God be praised!

NEXT SUNDAY: VBA FALL FUNDRAISER Have a delicious slice of pie and help Valley Bible Academy students raise some traveling funds the coming new year. Pie slices will be for sale following church next Sunday, Nov. 13th.

WISH LIST – The school is looking for six useable laptop computers to replace our existing units. If you've recently upgraded and can donate the old, please do.

CHRISTMAS CARDS (ordered by St. John's Ladies Aid) If you placed an order, they are here! Extra boxes are available for sale at St. John's. Prices are on each box. Help yourself!

Weekly Memory Verse

"God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

In Christ Alone

(Written by Andrew Shawn Craig, Donald A. Koch)

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all –
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid –
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death –
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home –
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Old Testament Reading:

Despite our sinful selves, and although we deserve God's wrath, His steadfast love and mercy refuses to give up on us. Ephraim is another name for the Church – you and me and all believers. We read...

Hosea 11:1-4,8-9 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son. 2 As they called them, So they went from them; They sacrificed to the Baals, And burned incense to carved images. 3 "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them. 4 I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them. 8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror.

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is for the Canto: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff is for the Verse: 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff is for the Verse: 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff is for the Canto: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.