

**Order of Worship
for
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 19, 2023**

Today's Worship Theme

"THE CREDIT CRISIS?"

Matthew 25: 14-30

Parable of the Talents

In the midst of this cosmic CREDIT CRISIS, where no one can ever hope to pay back what they owe the master, God chooses to balance our debt NOT on our backs but on the back of His own Son. There God declares to you and me, "I will pay back what you owe. I will cover your debts. I will assume your loans. I will carry your sins. And in exchange I will give you life, freedom and forgiveness, paid in full."

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Mourning Into Dancing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING & PASSING OF THE PEACE

On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Please, feel free to pass the peace as you feel comfortable!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast of Celebration”

ELW 167

PRAYER

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.

SONG
“The Solid Rock”

READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**The lesson for today is from Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians,
Chapter five, verses one through eleven.**

Paul writes:

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

**The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of Matthew,
chapter twenty-five, verses fourteen through thirty.**

Matthew writes:

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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.' ²¹ 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.' ²² 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.' ²³ 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.' ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ 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?' ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Rev. Steve Albertin

MESSAGE

“The Credit Crisis?”

Rev. Steve Albertin

*At the center of our economic problems is a **Credit Crisis**: we no longer “believe” enough in each other to successfully conduct our economic activity.*

*At the center of the parable in today’s Gospel is also a **Credit Crisis**, a crisis of belief: the third slave does not “believe” in the good faith of his master. So, he suffers the consequences.*

In the same way, we live our lives not “believing” in the good faith our God has shown in us. One look at our economic problems reveals what life is like in “the outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*But, this is not the end of the story. In the Gospel of Matthew, the Master/God is determined to win our “credit” and good faith. So, God joins us in the “outer darkness” on the Cross and “pays” our debt. God resolves **The Credit Crisis** in Jesus Christ.*

Therefore, we can live generously, investing ourselves in the needs of the world... and the mission of King of Glory Lutheran Church.

SONG

“The Power Of The Cross”

OFFERING

Your offerings are more than just money to keep the lights turned on. Your gifts help to sustain and expand all of our ministries here at King of Glory, including those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need. We are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, and we strive to be good stewards of the resources you provide to us.

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HYMN
“We Are an Offering”
ELW 692

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God’s blessings, and praise Him
for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers.

Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made.

If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism.

Today you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give You our thanks and praise, O God...

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer You thanks and praise, mixed with the eternal blessings offered even now by Your angels and archangels, as we join them in that praise of You today!

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.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is My body, broken for you. Eat this, and remember Me."

After supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all to drink, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant, written in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of all sin. Drink this, and remember Me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may do so.***

***For those joining us online,
if you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,***

*using any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice
so that you may receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus the Christ.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

SONG

“Good Good Father”

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

SONG

“You Are The One”

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