

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Aria

Flor Peeters

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

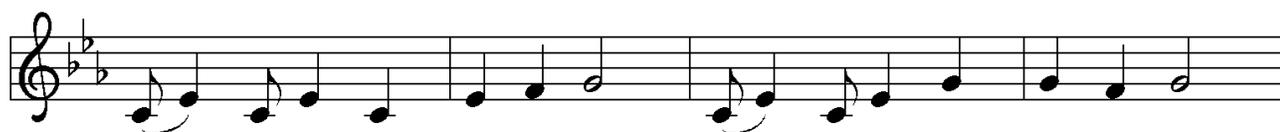
GREETING

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.

KYRIE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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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.

Word

Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader/ A reading from First Thessalonians.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DUET

Renée Schulz, Jason Gagliardi

Christ, the Glory

J. F. Lallouette

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 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.’ 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.’ 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.’ 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you without leaving your pew.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry which has allowed us to continue giving to organizations like Caring for Friends and Bear Creek Camp. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.



Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/ cracker and wine/ grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

DIALOG

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, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Communion

The left side will commune first, at the ushers' instruction followed by the right. Please take a prefilled cup from the tray in the aisle. The pastor will place a wafer in your hands. Please consume the elements only once you have returned to your pew. You may put your empty cup in the recycling bin when you exit the sanctuary.

Duet at Communion

Non Nobis, Domine

(Not unto us, but to you, God, be glory)

Renée Schulz, Jason Gagliardi

Byrd/ arr. D. Wagner

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Michael Burkhardt

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

- 11/16 NA Meeting-Fellowship Hall, 8:00 pm
- 11/18 Evening Christian Fellowship- Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
- 11/22 Holy Communion- Consecration Sunday, 10:00 am

Thrivent Caring for Friends 100 Dinner Challenge

Join our Thrivent Action Team to cook 100 meals for Caring for Friends. Share a recipe and share the meal to meet the 100-meal challenge. Each week we will feature one recipe in the announcements and the challenge meal count. Contact Joy Baxter (joybaxter@gmail.com or 610-789-2408) or Jody Betz (alfabetz@msn.com) to get the Thrivent Card to purchase food.

Share the recipe, pix, and number of meals with Jody Betz and Lisa Lexa. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our local homebound.

Meal Update: 36

Recipe for time: Cooking with Pastor Laura - Jody Betz

I enjoy cooking meals for Caring For Friends while listening to the weekly church service. Hearing Pastor Laura's sermons reminds me that I can help others by cooking simple, filling meals. The music is so uplifting! The time goes by quickly and the service refreshes me. At the end of the service, I realize that I am smiling and that makes the clean-up go faster. I feel so blessed that I can share food and time.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

The article deadline for the December Chimes is Tuesday, November 24.

Caring for Friends

Missing the large family gathering around the table for turkey this year? Instead of sharing your holiday dinner with family, share it with your homebound neighbors. Grab a huge turkey, make big batches of sides, and pack up the leftovers for the CFF freezer. Five tray packs are in the narthex and additional supplies in the shed. Thanks for your kindness and compassion.

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

If you are making CFF meals, please include **MS 404** as our freezer number.
Thank you and keep those wonderful meals coming!

Office hours for Thanksgiving Week

Mon. 11/23 8 am- 4 pm

Tues. 11/24 8 am – 4 pm

Wed. 11/25-Fri. 11/27 closed

Virtual Thanksgiving Eve service

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm

Join us for this virtual service via Facebook or YouTube.

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Dan Joseph, Tom Keyser, Beth Kramer (niece of Barbara Dieter); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Lisa McCabe, Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissingner); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Fin Parker.

(Please notify the church office to add a name to the prayer list.)

Advent Devotional

A weekly Advent devotional from Illustrated Ministry will be available soon. Contact the office if you would like a copy. You can pick it up at the church office the week of November 30th or we can send you the link for the digital version.



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