

## ***Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Nov. 15, 2020***

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Ron Steinberg, Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Kim Kimmel, Ray Delfs

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns Blue 13 (Gray 47) 851 783

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

**TODAY 11:15 a.m. Church Council Meeting**

Nov. 15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

Nov. 15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 17 6:30 p.m. Psalm Study at English

Nov. 18 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Nov. 18 5:15-6:15 p.m. Christmas Program Practice

Nov. 19 12:00 noon Bible Study

**UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:** December 2, 9, 16. Services at English at 12:00 noon and at Peace 7:00 p.m.

**A DAY IN WORSHIP:** 1 Timothy 2:1-4 says, "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." These verses summarize what we do in the prayer of the church. We offer supplications to God for all people. The first prayer is typically our response to the sermon. We ask God to do his work in our lives, the work we just heard about from the pulpit. The rest of the petitions follow a standard pattern that includes prayers for our nation, the sick, the lost, our synod and other Christian churches, and our homes. The prayer of the church is one of the most significant parts of our liturgy. Its importance cannot be overstated. If we believe that everything depends on God, then we can't help but pray. We pray for his blessing, protection, and salvation for every person and for ourselves. Whenever your mind drifts during the prayers (something I struggle with as well), gently call your attention back to God. Help us and others by lifting your heart to God, asking him to bestow his favor on us and on all.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is hymn 783, *Take My Life and Let It Be*. In the Gospel reading, the third servant takes the money entrusted to him by the master and buries it in the ground. Like that servant, we too have received trusts from God, the trust of life itself and the trust of his kingdom. What are we going to do with these trusts? Will we use them or bury them? Through this hymn, we pray that God would move us to use what he has given us faithfully and for his glory. Our days, our hands, our feet, our voices, our wealth, our wills, our love—we pray that God would take all this and direct it so that "we can live ever, only, all for thee."

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** The master entrusted his servants with large amounts of money. It was to be put to good use, not buried. In the same way, our Lord has given us the great treasure of His Word and many other gifts to be put to use and invested into the lives of others. All the while, the results are in His hands, just as we ourselves are in the hands of our gracious Master.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Ezekiel 34; 1Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

**THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR:** I would like to thank our high school Sunday School class for taking gifts to our shut-ins. Not only is that a wonderful thing to do, but it is a reminder to our shut-ins and to us that they are part of Christ's body, even when they are unable to join us in church. When we can't come to church, God sends the church to us. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

**THANK YOU** to the High School Sunday School Class for the blankets and all the wonderful gifts in the goodie basket. We really appreciated being remembered. **Ray and Janice Delfs.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Peace Lutheran is in charge of delivering meals Nov. 30 to December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Lois Baatz at 472-307 if you are able to help deliver meals.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER:** The First Reformed Church is hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26 at 12:00 noon. Call for reservations at the Chamber 472-3456 or First Reformed Church 472-3729 by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Rides are available as well as take out or deliveries.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:** First Reformed Church is hosting a seminar to help people that are grieving a loved one's death, handle the emotions, traditions, social events and more. They will meet Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at First Reformed Church at 6:45 p.m-8:45.

**PACK THE PASTOR'S CAR:** Service opportunity to bundle the children at Moulton Elementary school (Des Moines) in warmth and love. Many of these students are refugees and immigrants who do not have proper winter wear. And being in Northwest Iowa, we all know how cold winter can be! The school is looking for coats, snow boots, hats, mittens, scarfs, socks and underwear, kids' sizes 4-12. A table is set aside in the fellowship hall to collect our donations. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will pack Pastor's car with the items and Ashlie will deliver them on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Ashlie Slotter.

**ATLAS OF LYON COUNTY** is sponsoring a Christmas Store again this year. See the list of needed items on the bulletin board by the office.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect soup and canned meals (Spaghetti-o's, Ravioli, Beef Stew, Chili, etc.) for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Dani Folkens. Next Sunday will be Porter Vogel.**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**OPENING HYMN: I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER**

*Blue Book 13*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**  
Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
**for no one living is righteous before you.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;  
**I ponder the work of your hands.**

I stretch out my hands to you;  
**my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!  
**Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
**In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**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. Amen.**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

**GRADUAL**

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**  
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**EPISTLE**

*Romans 13:8–14*

**VERSE**

*Matthew 25:29a*

**Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance.  
Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Matthew 25:14–30*

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN: LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

*LSB 851*

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### BENEDICTION

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**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

*LSB 783*

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