

24 Pentecost



Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

MATTHEW 25:21

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020—24 PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One,

C. **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.**

P. 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.**

GATHERING HYMN #668 ELW—All Verses sung softly while wearing masks

"O Zion, Haste"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assistant Minister

A. Let us pray... Righteous God, our merciful master,

C. **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.**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Assistant Minister

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth 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.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
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,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When 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! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**Pastor Steven Peeler**

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

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.’ ²¹His 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.’ ²²And 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.’ ²³His 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.’ ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

MESSAGE**Pastor Steven Peeler****HYMN OF THE DAY #826 ELW—All Verses sung softly while wearing masks****“Thine the Amen”**

APOSTLES' CREED

Assistant Minister

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant Minister

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing—*especially to Lois Mae Helgason, Gloria Maisch, Clair Wilson, Bob Happold, Myrna Petzoldt, Michelle Lindsay, Joan Head, Marilyn Williamson, Bonnie Larsen, Jacey Yarns, Janice Sperling, and Bonnie Olson. We pray also for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P. 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, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BLESSING

Pastor Steven Peeler

P. May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #671 ELW—All Verses sung softly while wearing masks "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

SENDING

Pastor Steven Peeler

P. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Ministers – 8:30 AM

Asst. Minister: Jim Elrod

Altar Guild: Karla Fandry

Projector Tech: Colton Berg

Sound/ Video: Carolyn Urbom

Organist: Jared Hansen

Ushers: Norm Elstermeier, Glenn Frerichs

The bulletins are given to the glory of God.

Simple Gifts

The flags and stands in the Sanctuary have been replaced with brighter, sturdier flags with the cross and eagle on the top. These were gifted to Messiah in appreciation of helpfulness given by pastoral staff, the office, members, ushers and kitchen staff.

Olive Oil from the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

If anyone is still interested in purchasing olive oil (distributed by the Lutheran World Federation) there are 8 bottles in the church office. \$15 per 250 ml bottle.
Call or stop by the office during working hours.

Coat Drive Begins November 14th

We are still welcoming your donations of men's, women's, and children's coats. Messiah's Coat Drive will take place during the Saturday Supper serving hour (3:00-4:00 p.m.) beginning on November 14th, and continuing until we run out of coats. Thank you for your generosity!

Gifts of Hope

Collecting Donations for Hope Harbor

Cold Medicine & Washable Toys

There will be a box labeled "Gifts of Hope"
in the narthex through November 29th

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Help Save Lives with the American Red Cross

Be 1 of the 35 volunteers needed to help carry out our life saving blood drives across Grand Island and the Hall County areas. Provide customers service, appreciation and care to the donors willing to give their blood to make a difference.

- Looking for individuals willing to cover 1 or more (4-5 hour) shifts, blood drives are generally held during the week, with some opportunities on the weekend.
- Fill out a volunteer registration. Contact Michael Fleming, Michael.Fleming2@redcross.org (402)699-5652.
- COVID-19 Guidelines are being followed: small groups of volunteers, volunteers and donors screened for symptoms before shift or entering the blood drive, masks, gloves and sanitizer (provided) required.

Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:30 a.m.—Worship & Communion (available online at www.messiahgi.org)

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen’s Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

Monday, November 16, 2020

9:00 a.m.—Sew Quilts

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:00 p.m.—Men’s Group Bible Study meets at Messiah

Thursday, November 19, 2020

1:00—WELCA Bible Study & Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2020

Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, November 21, 2020

3:00-4:30 p.m.—Saturday Supper, TO GO ONLY

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Worship (available online at www.messiahgi.org)

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen’s Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

Life Line Screening—Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

SATURDAY SUPPERS 3:00-4:00

Come join us!

5th Saturday—Courtney Berg and the youth.

To donate, simply mark your gift “Saturday Supper.”

To volunteer, contact the church office.

411 guests 560 servings on November 7th

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – November 8, Pentecost 23

	ATTENDANCE	UNIFIED OFFERING
Attendance Last Week:	45	\$5,782.00
AVERAGE TO DATE 2020:	71	
AVERAGE TO DATE 2019:	86	