

*Master, you
delivered to me
five talents*

Matthew 25:20



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10:30 AM Radio Service

The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme for Worship: As we continue to look at the “end times” Jesus gives us a parable about how we are to invest our time, treasure and energy in serving Him as we wait for His return. The Parable of the Talents gives us an important insight not into wise investing strategies or results driven metrics, but instead what is the heart behind the way we use the gifts God gives us.

Pre-Service Music 🎵

--*Spiritwind*

Ringling of the Bells

Radio Welcome

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Song 🎵 “More Love, More Power”

More love, more power, more of You in my life
More love, more power, more of You in my life

And I will worship You with all of my heart,
And I will worship You with all of my mind,
and I will worship You with all of my strength, for You are my Lord

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart,
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind,
and I will seek Your face with all of my strength, for You are my Lord

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

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.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

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.

P & **C** Amen.

Old Testament

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

The Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

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

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

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Song: ♪ “Thy Word”

Chorus: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

1. **When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus***
2. **I will not forget Your love for me,
And yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side.
And I will love You to the end. *Chorus***

Sermon: “Investing with the Heart”

--Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering

(Immanuel is excited that we now have the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

C **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**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & C **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared and the Lord awaits.

C **We come in the name of Jesus.**

The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive

Distribution Hymns ♪

“Beautiful One”

1 Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

2 Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

Bridge You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You (*repeat*)

Chorus x 2

“When You Call My Name”

**1 There's a hunger in this wilderness
For Your revelation
To hear the words of life
That strengthen me
Come and show
What You've prepared for me
Speak Your confirmation
Show me how I fit
Into Your plan**

Chorus **For when You call my name I can see again
Who You are And who I'm meant to be
And as You beckon me I am free to see
Who You are And who I'm sent to be**

**2 I am seeking true identity
In the light of Your presence
I am longing to know
How You see me
In the time
That You have given me
Release the strength to follow
And the grace to be who
You say I am (*Chorus*)**

Ending **Who You are and who I'm sent to be
Who You are and who I'm sent to be**

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“Jesus Is the Answer”

Chorus **Jesus is the answer
For the world today
Above Him there's no other
Jesus is the way
Jesus is the answer
For the world today
Above Him there's no other
Jesus is the way**

**1 If you have some questions
In the corners of your mind
Traces of discouragement
And peace you cannot find
Reflections of your past
Seem to face you ev'ry day
But this one thing I do know
Jesus is the way (*Chorus*)**

**The Benediction
Silent Prayers
Announcements**

PARTICIPANTS –Nov. 15, 2020	
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan	
8:00 a.m.	
Musicians/Vocalists	Spiritwind: Angela Pringnitz; <i>coordinator</i> Amy Haeseker, Ellen Olsen
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Lay Reader	Darlene Hillman
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms
Sound Operator	Nathan Allen
Videographer	Krista Marks
Head Usher	Dan Lohmeier

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God and in memory of my mom, Fern Broadway,”
by Delores Broadway.

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God in memory of Ken Nelson for his birthday,”
by Irene Nelson.

TO BE A SPONSOR: Contact the office to reserve a date.

Cost: \$45 Flowers.

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Make your check out to Immanuel, with a notation on the memo line saying, “flowers,” or “radio.” These checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: January 3,10,17 & 31; February 14 & 21.

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