# Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023



The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30





- 5 In your hearts enthrone Him;
  There let Him subdue
  All that is not holy,
  All that is not true:
  Crown Him as your captain
  In temptation's hour;
  Let His will enfold you
  In its light and pow'r.
- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
  Shall return again
  In His Father's glory,
  With His angel train;
  For all wreaths of empire
  Meet upon His brow,
  And our hearts confess Him
  King of glory now.
- △ 7 Glory then to Jesus,
  Who, the Prince of light,
  To a world in darkness
  Brought the gift of sight;
  Praise to God the Father;
  In the Spirit's love
  Praise we all together
  Him who reigns above.

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## Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

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

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

Stand

Introit

## Service of the Word

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

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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 be- fore 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, pre- | serve 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 be- | ginning,*
  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!
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**Kyrie** 

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In peace let us pray to the Lord.





LSB 171



### Salutation and 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.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Zephaniah 1:7–16

<sup>7</sup>Be 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. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Ouarter. a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At 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.' <sup>13</sup>Their 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." <sup>14</sup>The 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. <sup>15</sup>A 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, <sup>16</sup>a 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.

Gradual Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

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 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. ⁶For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁶But 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. ⁶For 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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 173



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

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



<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So 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. <sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And 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.' <sup>24</sup>He 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, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But 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?' <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For 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."

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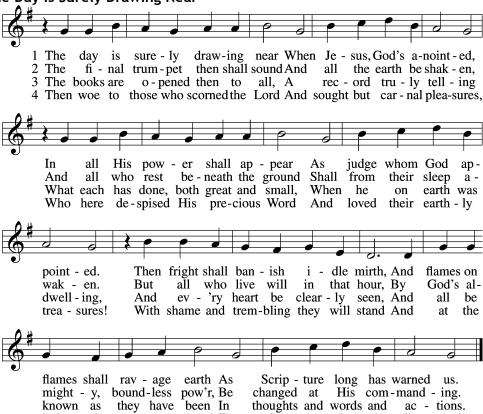
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#### This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

#### 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me: There is no condemnation!

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- May Christ our intercessor be 6 And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea:

# Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

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#### Sermon

Stand

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

Sit

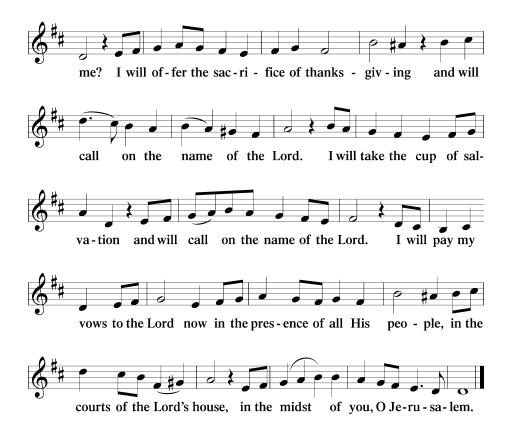
#### Offering

"Father and Son with the Holy Ghost, One" written by Rev. Eli Lietzau Adult Choir

Stand



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## Service of the Sacrament



LSB 177

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 178



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LSB 179

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

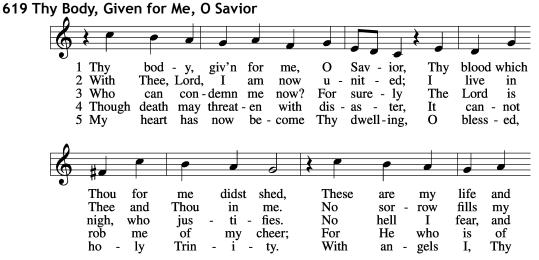
### The Words of Our Lord

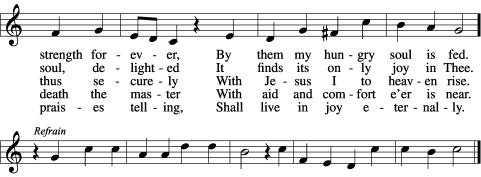
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Distribution





Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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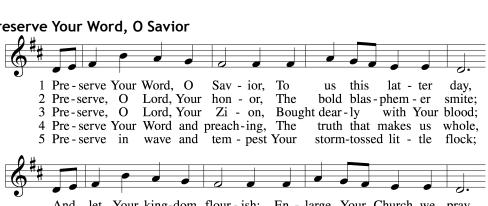




- Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending, On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending; Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us— With grace precede us.
- You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story; Past, present, future—You, the same forever— You fail us never!

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#### 658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior



And let Your king-dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray. Con-vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night. Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood. The mir-ror of Your glo-ry, The pow'r that saves the soul. As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



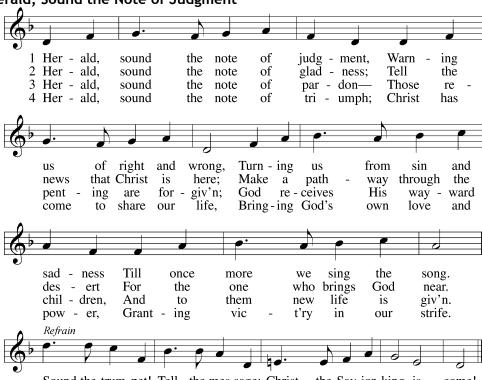
O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low, al-ways our de-fend-er When dan-gers gath-er round; Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace, the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



noth-ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know. When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found. Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face. har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light. Then we will reach the

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#### 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

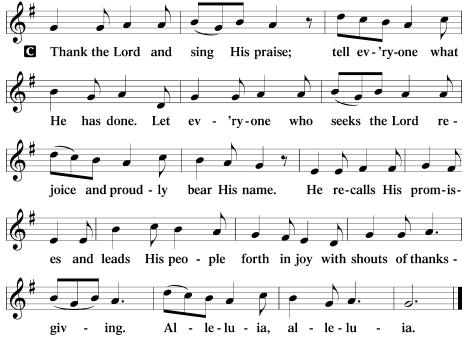


Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 181



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 183

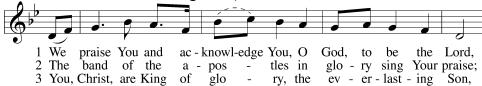


**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



### 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



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