



The Parable of the Talents

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Worship 9:00 am

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*3rd Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may stand as able and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead,
showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God,

C: we come to you for healing and life.

**Our sins hurt others and diminish us;
we confess them to you.**

**Our lives bear the scars of sin;
we bring these also to you.**

Show us your mercy, O God.

Bind up our wounds,

forgive us our sins,

and free us to love,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P: The apostle Paul assures us:

“When we were dead in our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ,
nailing the record of our sins to the cross.”

Jesus says to you, ✝ “Your sins are forgiven.”

Be at peace, and tell everyone
how much God has done for you.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **ELW 742**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.” ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

A: ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

C: ²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

A: ³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

C: ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**

A: ⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

C: ⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
“I shall never | be disturbed.**

A: ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the moun-
tains.”

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

C: ⁸ **I cried to | you, O LORD;**

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

A: ⁹ “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?”

C: ¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper.” R**

A: ¹¹ You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

C: ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R**

SECOND READING: Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord’s brother. ²⁰In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, “The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.” ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴For 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.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661

**RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY FOR
REV. A. STANLEY CHRISTENSEN**

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, we praise you for revealing your gospel to prophets, preachers,
and leaders in your church. Inspire their continuing faithful proclama-
tion...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After sharing a sign of peace, the assembly is seated.

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory.

OFFERTORY. *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P:⁶ Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.

Welcome to the feast.

The assembly is seated

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*

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COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW 536

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Holly Loomis

Acolytes ~ Ryan Lund & Sully Schlieckau

Greeters ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison

Ushers ~ Chad & Cindy Georgeson Family

Communion Set up and Take down ~ Light Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Judy Taylor & Hilary Terland

Offering Counters ~ Jean Carlson, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson or Brenda Schroeder

Church Lock-up ~ Gloria Fruit

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Church Council & Worship Committee in celebration of Rev. Stanley Christensen's

70th Anniversary of Ordination

Altar Flowers ~ In honor of Robert and Jane Furseth's
50th Wedding Anniversary

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, June 5, 2016

9:00am Worship, 70th Anniversary of Ordination for
Rev. A. Stanley Christensen

10:00am Fellowship Coffee Hour hosted by Church Council
10:30am Mutual Ministry Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2016

5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

9:30am Staff Meeting
10:30am Prayers for Our People
11:00am Adult Bible Study
12pm-3pm Pastor's Office Hours
6:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

7:00pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, June 12, 2016

9:00am Worship at Upper Church
Following Worship Stewardship plant sale at parsonage
10:30am-12:00pm Confirmation Class

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday.

Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.

*Denotes new/changed request.

We've been out of the practice of updating the prayer list. Going forward we will follow the 3 week guideline. If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office. Thank you.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John & Amy Lindstrom.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-June Lehr -Knut Nelson Sr. -Butch Bergholz

-Ron Buser -Lois Bendall

-The grieving family of Maddox Shane Krizan as we express sympathy for their loss.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty:

Joe Janness. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

~Announcements~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW (cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

Celebration of 70th Ordination Anniversary for Rev. A. Stanley Christensen All are invited to fellowship in honor of Rev. A. Stanley Christensen's 70th ordination anniversary! Family and friends will gather with Pastor & Mrs. Christensen following worship today in Friendship Hall for a luncheon. God bless you Pastor Christensen and thank you for your ministry!

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

Stewardship Hosta Sale! In conjunction with this year's stewardship theme of "Growing Stewards", the stewardship team is holding a "hosta" sale on **Sunday, June 12th, 2016** immediately following worship and fellowship time. The sale will be held at the parsonage, and everyone is welcome to purchase from the selection. If you have plants

from your garden at home that you'd like to donate to the sale, please drop them off at the parsonage before the Sunday of the sale, as bare root and divided as much as possible. ***ALL proceeds from the plant sale will be donated to the Sanctuary Piano Fund!***

The Sanctuary Piano needs replacing. A new Kawai has been found at Farleys House of Pianos in Madison. The cost will be about \$5,500. It would be wonderful to have it here for Rally Day in September! If you would like to donate monies to purchase the piano please note in the memo line: New Piano. Donations made be put in the offering at church or brought to the church office, 454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523. Thank you for your support!

Habitat for Humanity Stewardship is seeking donations for the Habitat for Humanity Summer Faith Build project! Donations can be enclosed in special envelopes provided in the Narthex. Simply drop these envelopes in the offering plate or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please indicate on the check memo line that it is for the Habitat Home! Habitat build dates are: 6/21, 6/25, 9/6, 9/10.

You are invited to the Food, Fellowship and Fun Group on Monday, June 13th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. There will be a lunch served and then you are invited to stay and visit with friends, bring your cards for a game of Euchre, or a project you are working on. This is a time to have a meal, be in fellowship and have fun together. I will need a count of how many plan to come. The deadline to sign up with be on June 5th. If you are bringing a friend, please include that in the number of people. This event is hosted by the ARK committee. Hope to see lots of you in attendance. ~Vicki Schuh

CHRISTIAN CONCERT at The Fireside Theatre Tuesday, August 9 TRIUMPHANT QUARTET A sign up sheet will be in the narthex in June. The cost is \$38.50 per person, this includes the tip. Arrival time is 10:30 AM. Checks should be made payable to WELCA by **July 10th.** If you have questions please call Sue Repyak @ 423-4543. *(please notice the **July 10th** date, my apologies for having the incorrect date in the June Newsletter ~ Julie)*

Attendance Report for:

Sunday, May 29: 80

Sunday, May 22: 76

Sunday, May 15: 83

Sunday, May 8: 90

Treasurer's Report

In April Expenses exceeded Income by \$934.31. The running total of what the church is behind in meeting the budget goals is (\$11,761).

General Offerings were under budget by \$5,596. Finally, 2016 General Offerings were less than those of April '15 by \$1,953, due to Easter being in April last year.