

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2020 10:15 a.m.
(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have we done with the gifts God has given us?

P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

*HYMNS *Open Our Eyes, Lord*
I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded

*PRAYER **Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your love flow in. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The family of Melba Grove, Mona Rogel, Nursing Home residents & workers, Parker Cronk, Joyce Lucas, Gary Grosenbach, The family of Rick Kotowski, Joe, Phyllis & Bill Bender, Molly Ryan, Joe Graham, Anna Coutre, Madyson, Makenna, & their mom Corey, The Phyllis Jacobson family, Armetta, The Washkowiak family, Angel Dannis, Bob & Marilyn Haslam, Mary Fiedler, Jessica Grove, Carrie White, Susan Zimmer, The family of Carol Thurber, Deb Cooper, Rev. Justo Gonzalez & James, Ed Lopeman, Rusty Thies, Mrs. Friedle, Joanna, Linda Lyon, Joe Rogel, Alli, Ron Hudkins, Teachers, students and parents, Kaysen VandeWerken, Thomas Zebron, Mary Newcomer, Marjorie Ploch, Pat Nickel, Bud Schlosser, The family of Gary Hoelle, Clint, Austin Zimmer, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Dotty, Steve, The Tonozzi Family, Jennifer S., Ron Rynke, Mark Bishop, Brent Becker, Pastor Doug, Matt Henkel, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Rick Rynke, Dave & Arlene Greening, Ed Burash, Rose Hopkins, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer, Kathy L., Lucas Fockle.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *Seek Ye First*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring our gifts to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help us through these gifts to be your witnesses throughout the world. AMEN**

WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

*CLOSING HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- The Family of Melba Grove
- Joyce Lucas, for health
- Mona Rogel, for health
- Bob & Marilyn Haslam, for health
- Carrie White, for health
- Gary Grosenbach, for health
- The family of Rick Kotowski
- Shelly's coworker Joe, mother has passed away
- Phyllis & Bill Bender, for health
- Molly Ryan, for health
- Joe Graham, Pastor Jon Graham's son, for health
- Anna Coutre, for health
- Madyson, Makenna, & their mom Corey, for health

Due to the alarming recent numbers of positive COVID cases, we are **temporarily suspending in person worship**. Out of an abundance of concern for the health of our people, we are taking this action. Remember, the building is not the church... we are! We will do our best to return to in person worship safely. So for now, be sure to continue to join us on YouTube Live.

Join us every Sunday at 9:00 for **CREW Time** on Facebook Live. We are currently talking about a super hero team: heroes of the Bible.

We will be celebrating **Harvest Home Sunday** next week! If you would like Jim to do your food pantry items shopping for you, please contact him or the church office. Decorating the sanctuary for Harvest Home will take place on Thursday, November 19, starting at 4:00. If you would like to donate pumpkins or gourds, please have them at the church by November 17th.

Zion will be providing **meals for PADS** on the 4th Tuesday of each month. If you would like to contribute, please send a

donation marked PADS or contact Pastor Alex or the church office.

Advent begins November 29th this year. Join us online Sundays as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Matthew 25:1-13

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’