



# Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,  
we give, share, love and care for all people.*

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**Please note...**

- ◆ Please turn mobile phones off or put them in the vibrate mode.
- ◆ We will remain seated during worship.

## Gathering

*Please refrain from talking during the gathering music  
as it can be heard on our live recording.*

### Gathering Music

Violin Sonata No. 3 - G. F. Handel  
*Adagio, Allegro, Largo, Allegro*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Greeting

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

You are the treasured people of the Lord, **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children. **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone, **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord**

#### Prayer of The Day

*Response: Amen.*

## Word

#### Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said to the disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master

of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then 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.' His 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.' And 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.' His 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.' Then 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

## Sermon

Musical Selection

Elegie

Joseph Rheinberger

# Response to the Word

## Creed and Confession

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God; **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen**

## The Prayers

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**  
...reign forever and ever. **Amen.***

## Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**



# Sending

## Blessing

*Response: Amen.*

## Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Allemanda

Arcangelo Corelli

**The ushers will dismiss you pew by pew starting at the front.  
Please exit through the fellowship hall and back to the gathering space.**

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### Worship leader today are...

Homilist: Lei Fahrner

Lector: Judy Baum

Violin: Alicia Tremmel

Door Greeter: Dee Kreisher

Temperature Station: Linda Lautenschlager

Head Usher: Alan Fahrner



The altar flowers are given by Judy Flading to the glory of God, in honor of Tom's, Abby's, and Katie's birthdays, and in memory of my sister Ginny.

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### Prayers for...

#### Shut-ins

Dick & Jan Baker, Barbara Brandon, Lora Carpenter, Evelyn Moser, Marion Tucker, June Wise, Donna Zelmer

#### Health Concerns

Marilyn Kulczak, Janet Loveless, Pastor Schafer, Annick Schrader, Ginny Watkins, and those effected by Covid 19

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### Needed door greeters, temperature takers, and ushers.

Contact Janet Loveless or the church office if you can help out. We don't want to assign folks if you are not comfortable coming right now.





If you would like to send a card to Pastor Schafer during her medical leave her address is:  
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## Crafts & Conversation

Nov: 20  
Dec: 4 & 18

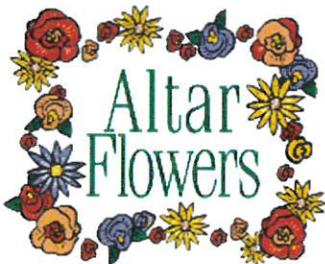


Online  
Worship

Our 9:15 worship video is posted on YouTube a couple of hours after service. If you cannot join us in-person, join us online.

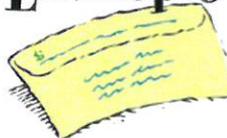
### Altar Flowers for 2021

Due to trying to keep germs down doing the pandemic, we will not post a flower chart for 2021. Please email or call the church office about the date(s) you may wish to fill.



**11/25, 11/26  
and 11/27  
for Thanksgiving**

### **Offering Envelopes**

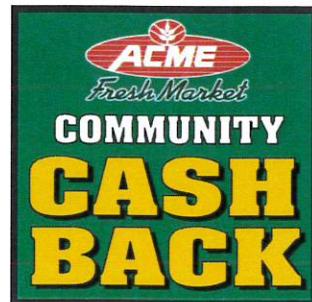


**Envelopes for 2021  
are in the  
gathering space.**

*Save*

*Those*

*Receipts!*





## *Christian Concerns for November and December*

Due to the continued issues associated with the Covid pandemic, all of the projects listed below require monetary donations only. Any size donation will help as to meet the needs of those we are seeking to help.

### *November*

#### **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

We are giving food gift cards purchased with your donations to approximately 10 families. The larger the family, the larger the gift card is. Monetary donations (*MEMO: Food Baskets*) are due by Wednesday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Food cards will be distributed the following Saturday.

#### **Community Christmas**

As with many charitable organizations this holiday season, Community Christmas is following suit with asking for monetary support. We would like to continue our support to Community Christmas this year with GSLC sending a contribution in memory of Donna Leibensperger. When making your contributions please make your check payable to the church with the memo to Community Christmas. Our deadline is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### *December*

#### **Christmas Food Baskets**

This project will be run like the November food baskets. Monetary donations (*MEMO: Food Baskets*) are Due by **Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Food cards will be distributed the following Saturday.



It is time to order poinsettias to decorate the chancel for our Christmas Eve service.

**All orders must be in by  
Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

*Supplier is needing order early due to Covid.*

Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. Please include payment with your order. The cost is \$10.00 per plant, same as last year. Make checks payable to the church, with poinsettia in the memo.

### **POINSETTIA ORDER**

Name:

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication for bulletin:

*(Please print clearly)*

# Church Talents

Have you ever heard someone say: "Oh, she's so talented"? A talent is a gift from God. It is something you are good at. What are your talents?

Look at the pictures below. Place a T next to you the ones that show a talent you have, and an F next to the pictures that show a talent of a friend.



Look at the people with you in worship. What are their talents?



# READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is **almost completed** for this year.
- What did you **learn about Jesus** during the season after Pentecost?

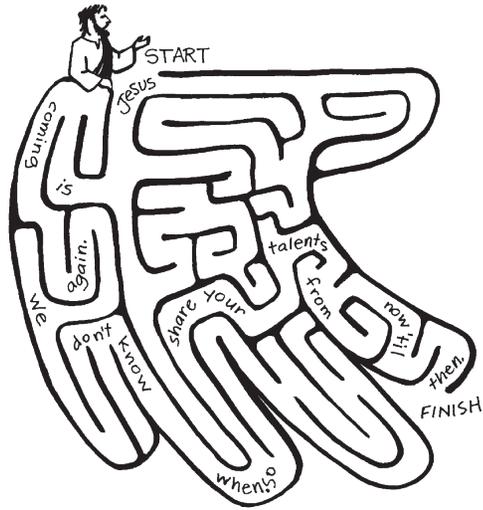
## Dig It Up

Jesus tells us not to be afraid to share our gifts. Jesus doesn't want us to bury our talents. Look at the burial spaces under the Pentecost tree. Write the gifts you can share in those spaces. Jesus says, "Don't bury your talents! Don't be afraid to share!"



# Follow Jesus

Following Jesus means sharing talents. Follow Jesus' footprints to uncover a poem that can help you remember to share your talents! Write the words you find, *in order*, in the space below.




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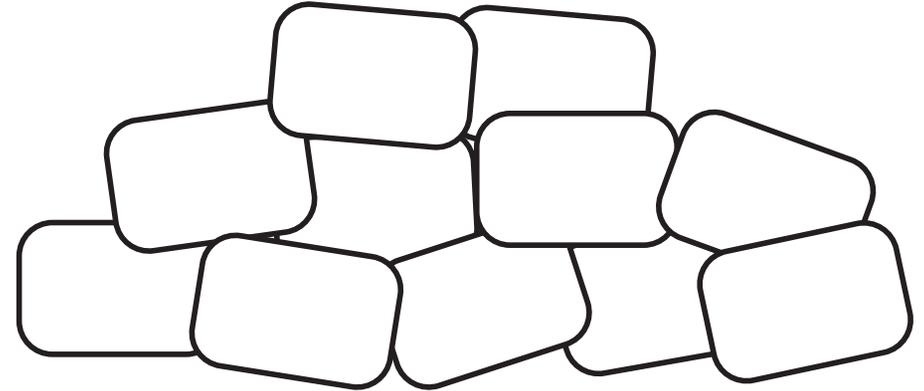
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His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave."



## Matthew 25:21

Jesus says when we use what we are given, our love grows and grows. Write one word from the memory verse in each box to create a large pile of goodness.



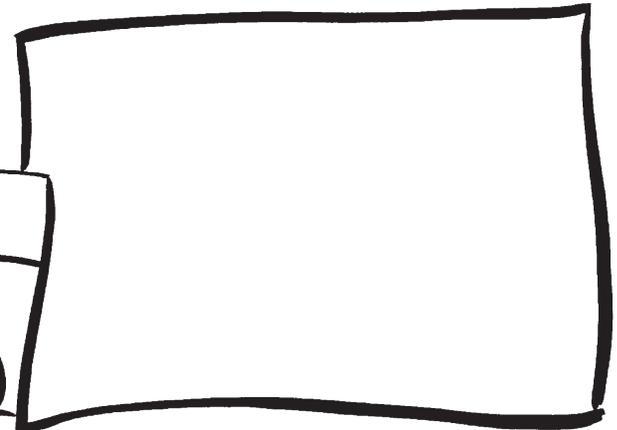
# Everyday Talents

## Matthew 25:14-30

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells another parable. This one is about using the talents God has given you to share God's love. Check out the following story. Who used their talents well?



Kelly was an amazing videogame player, and would spend time on the weekends working to get to the next level of the game she was playing. She knew all the secret codes and loved winning!



Sam, Karena, and Kelly were friends living in the same apartment building. Sam loved playing football and played anytime, anywhere.

Karena loved to act. She practiced every day, before and after school, and enjoyed finding friends to be in her plays.



Just before Christmas, a new family moved into their apartment building. Karena and Sam were the first to greet them. Before long, the new kids were creating plays with Karena and playing football in the snow with Sam.

Kelly wondered how she could be a friend. What ideas do you have for Kelly? How could Karena, Sam, and their new friends include Kelly? How might Kelly share her talents?

**Write or draw your idea in the box above.**

Jesus knows that every one of us counts!  
Count these things in your church.  
Put your answers on the lines.



# PRE-READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow by **sharing** our skills and gifts.



How many candles? \_\_\_\_\_



How many pews or chairs? \_\_\_\_\_



How many people? \_\_\_\_\_

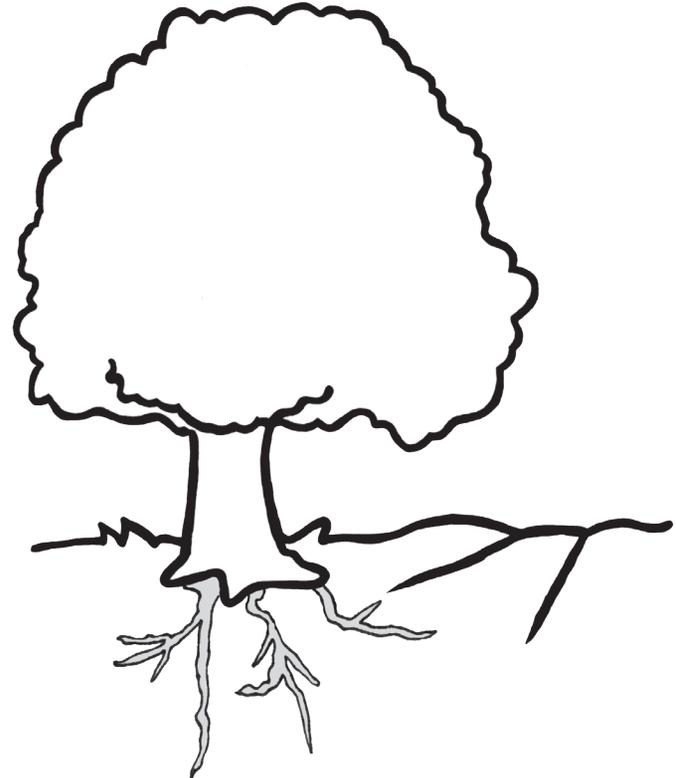


How many instruments? \_\_\_\_\_



How many crosses? \_\_\_\_\_

Some things should not be buried, like God's love. Other things belong under the ground, like the roots of this tree. Roots make a tree strong. Draw more roots to make this tree strong.





**One servant was afraid. He dug a hole and buried his talents.**

God tells us not to be afraid.

**Color the scared man by using shaky coloring. God tells us to be brave and bold and share what we have. Color the brave men by making your coloring strong.**

