

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

**November 15, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Responsive Prayer 1: Pages 282-284**

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Face masks are used to protect those around you.

Please respect social distancing of six (6) feet and no handshaking. Family groups are welcome to sit together. Please sit in designated pews only for bible class and worship.

Please feel free to use the restrooms, one person at a time, and before you leave please use the sanitizing product to wipe down areas used.

Please hum, sing silently, or sing quietly with face lowered as the organist plays the hymns. This protects those in front of you.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” - LSB Pg. 919

Invocation: Pg. 282

The Lord’s Prayer: Pg. 282

The Apostle’s Creed: Pg. 282

The Readings:

The Old Testament Lesson is from Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. ⁸ On the day of the LORD's sacrifice I will punish the princes and the king's sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. ⁹ On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the

threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit. ¹⁰ "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹ Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be ruined. ¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.' ¹³ Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. They will build houses but not live in them; they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine. ¹⁴ "The great day of the LORD is near--near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. ¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, ¹⁶ a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson is from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer

wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel is from Matthew 25:14-30

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

Congregation: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent 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 the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. 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 the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; 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 the one talent 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 talent 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 "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Message Hymn:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - LSB #739

The Message:

"A Pentecost Journey of Readiness, Part II"

Responsive Morning Prayers: Pg. 283

Congregational Prayers

Collect of the Day

Luther's Morning Prayer: Pg. 283

Benedicamus and Blessing: Pg. 284

The Closing Hymn:

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" - LSB # 655

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