



The Parable of the Talents

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017
Holy Communion

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Lutherans believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook! Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

☩ Amen.

☞ One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another..

(Time for silent confession and reflection)

O God, our merciful redeemer,

☞ **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

☞ Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

☞ Amen.

*PEACE

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

* **GATHERING SONG** *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*
(ELW 707)

*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.

* **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
(ELW 857)

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For 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.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)

REMEMBERING ORGAN DONORS AND TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

THANK AND TELL

***OFFERTORY** *(Please stand as you are able.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

- A** Creator God,
C you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

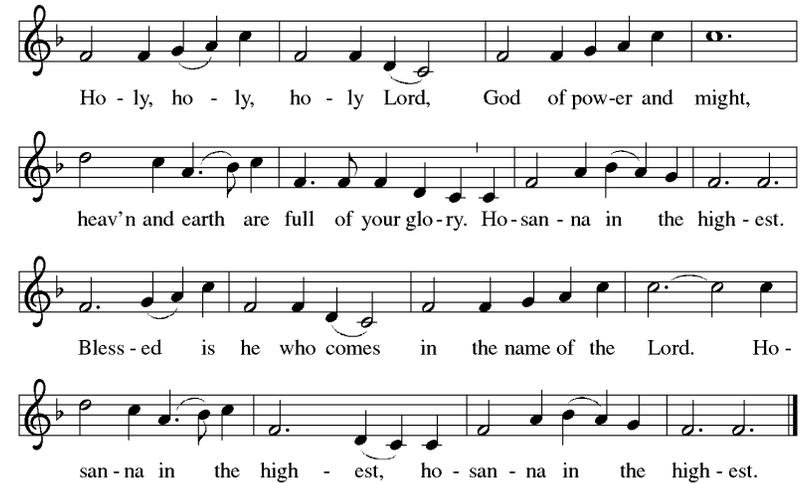
***DIALOGUE**

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P 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.

***PREFACE**

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

- P** In the night in which he was handed over,,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection,
we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice,
and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.
- **If you prefer to receive a blessing**, come forward with your bulletin.
- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please stand as you are able.

*TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated.*)

*BLESSING

P The love of God surround you; the grace of ✝ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

* **SENDING SONG** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Sherri Kayhoe in honor of Lois Kayhoe, grandmother of Lindsay Johnson and Kayla Kayhoe, on her birthday November 23.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Farmers, Orchard Growers, and Migrant Workers

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

GenNow Disciples: Hailey Sherman, Taylor Sherman, Kellan Stevens, Taylor Kuhs, and Darius Kuhs

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

LUNCH BUNCH goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Join us today at China Maple. You are invited to come! Let's get to know one another better!!



WAYNESBORO AREA FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES Thanksgiving Service today at 3 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church on Church Street in Waynesboro. Bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Bank at Human Services.

ROUZERVILLE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Service on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. here at TLC. The Rev. Dr. Warren Eshbach will be preaching. We give thanks to our brothers and sisters at Rouzerville Church of the Brethren as we join together as one body of Christ for this special service

We will hold our annual **ADVENT LUNCHEON** on Sunday, December 3 following worship. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Trinity News bulletin board. Church decorating will follow.

Our annual **CONGEGATIONAL MEETING** to adopt the budget and elect congregational council members will be on December 10 following worship.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Adult Forum completed its study of Moses. Its next study will be **Faithful - *Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*** by Adam Hamilton. We will begin the study on November 26 with Chapter 1. Further sessions will be Chapter 2 on December 3, Chapter 3 on December 10 and Chapter 4 on December 17. The book may be ordered through Amazon.com. There will be no Adult Forum on December 24 and December 31. Adult Forum meets Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are invited to join in the discussion.

GenNow DISCIPLES is a program for students in grades 6 and up. We have 5 young people from TLC who will begin this course of study and exploration of God's story and our faith.

Help Needed for GenNow! Mentors are needed for GenNow Disciples. I need 3 female mentors and 2 male mentors. Please prayerfully consider this important role in the lives of our youth as they learn what faith is and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. You don't have to communicate via computer; you can use the phone to give them a call. Would like for you to have intentional contact with your student a minimum of once per month. Call Pastor Pam if you feel a call to serve.

GenNow also needs people to be a "Cloud of Witnesses." In this role you will pray for one of our GenNow Disciples as (s)he begins their walk with Jesus. A sign-up sheet is on the Trinity News Bulletin Board for our Cloud of Witnesses.

- TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

"NEW NEIGHBOR BASKETS" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

COMMUNITH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 23 at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 43 South Church Street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone who will be alone Thanksgiving Day or who is unable to prepare a meal themselves is invited to attend.

Bakers in Trinity congregation are asked to donate homemade pies, cakes and sweet breads for the dinner. Baked goods should be delivered to the church on Wednesday, November 22 between 1 and 3 p.m. or on Thursday, November 23 by 10 a.m. Any food that is left over will be donated to the New Hope Shelter.

MEANDERING MARTIN has been on his first adventure and is more than ready to travel again. Are you planning to go somewhere you think Martin would enjoy? He is waiting patiently in the narthex. Choose either the paper Martin or the wooden Martin, follow the simple instructions, take along a Martin Luther biography to get to know him better, and show our monk the beauties of God's world. He will not protest.

- STEWARDSHIP –

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others



Kitchen Renovation Fund: Help us fill up the pot!! Our goal is \$8,000 for the renovation of the kitchen. Watch the progress on the "coffee pot chart" at the rear of the sanctuary. The current total is approximately \$3,400.

Building Fund envelopes are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance. Please use them to make your Kitchen Renovation Donation! Mark your envelope for the Kitchen.

Facts About Organ Donation

- 22 people die every day while waiting for a transplant.
- 1 organ donor can save 8 lives and change the lives of more than 50 people.

- Almost anyone can be an organ donor, regardless of age or medical history.
- Donors can still have open casket funerals, and organ donation doesn't cost the donor's family any money.
- If a person is hospitalized, the medical staff provides the best possible care, regardless of organ donor status. Donation is only considered after a patient has died.
- Donors are needed for all races and ethnic groups. Transplant success rates increase when organs are matched between members of the same ethnic background.

A Statement from The ELCA:

- Regards the donation of deceased donor organs as an appropriate means of contributing to the health and well-being of the human family.
- Recognizes that the donation of renewable tissue (e.g., bone marrow) and live organs (e.g. kidney) can be an expression of sacrificial love for a neighbor in need.
- Encourages its members to consider the possibility of organ donation and to communicate their wishes to family members, physicians and health care institutions.
- Encourages those willing to donate to make the necessary familial and legal arrangements including the use of a signed donor card.
- Calls upon its pastors to acquaint themselves with the ethical and legal issues and clinical procedures involved in order that they may counsel persons and families considering the possibility of donation.
- Urges its pastors, congregations, synods, agencies and institutions to sponsor educational programs on organ donation.
- Calls upon government to establish public policies which will encourage voluntary donations, discourage coercive donation, assure the efficient, equitable distribution of human organs and tissues for transplants, and disallow both the sale and purchase of human organs.



- November 19-25 -

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
- Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at China Maple
- Monday.....9:00 p.m. - December Newsletter Items Due
- Tuesday.....7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service

- November 26–December 2 -

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
- Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Applebee's
- Monday.....6:30 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
- Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Friday 60 p.m. - Junior Scout Troop



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$621
Year to Date	\$35,625
Attendance Last Sunday - 32	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To September 30**

Income	\$144,006
Expenses	\$94,227
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Ruth Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Joanne Crider Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Amy Dennis Usher
Linda Fleagle Usher
Judi Rice Usher
Sherri Kayhoe Altar Care
Eric Leaper After-Church Lock-up
Marie Seidel & Linda Weddle Offering Tellers

- NOVEMBER 26 -

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Amy Dennis Usher
Linda Fleagle Usher
Judi Rice Usher
Sherri Kayhoe Altar Care
Eric Leaper After-Church Lock-up
Sally Berklite & June Ecker Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship

Daily Prayer
Weekly Worship
Bible Reading
Service
Spiritual Friendships
Giving

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.