

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**INTRODUCTION**

Our readings during November speak of the end times. The prophet proclaimed 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.

**PRELUDES**

*"Prelude in C Minor"*  
*"Aria da Chiesa"*  
*"Moment Musicale"*

F. Mendelssohn Arr. by L. Smith  
D Paxton  
F. Schubert, Arr. S. Scott

**WELCOME**

*Those able, please stand*

**GREETING**

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

**A: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**A: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

***"Great is the Lord"***

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

*W & P # 53*

**Great is the Lord- only 1 verse (we may sing it twice- Tentative)**

Great is the Lord. He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love  
Great is the Lord, And worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, And worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice, Great is the Lord  
Great is the Lord!



*Those able, please kneel*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**A: Amen.**

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

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

P: Holy One,

**P & A: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE                      *Glory Be to God in Heaven*                      Sung by Barbara Grubb**  
**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.**  
**Mighty God of all Creation, Father of surpassing worth:**  
**We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.**  
**Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

R: A reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter from the 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians:

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8, 12**

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

R: We will read Psalm 90 responsively

R: <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

A: <sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

R: <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

A: <sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

R: <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

A: <sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

R: <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

A: <sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

R: <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**THE ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia (Sung)* **Sung by Barbara Grubb**  
**Alleluia! Lord and savior; open now your saving word.**  
**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**  
**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

*Those able, please stand*

**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 Matthew.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>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.’ <sup>21</sup>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.’ <sup>22</sup>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.’ <sup>23</sup>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.’ <sup>24</sup>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; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>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? <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”  
you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
A: Praise to you, O Christ

*Please be seated*

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON by Pastor Tina Mackie

*Those able, please stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P & A: 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, born of the virgin Mary, 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers*

A: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, let us pray to see God's power in the church and in the world, responding to each petition with the words "Hear us and help us."

A: We pray, O God, for the church in our community and throughout the world. Raise up and sustain believers who will use their talents to assist with worship and to lead congregational ministries in this difficult time. Grant an extra measure of the Spirit to our Pastor(s) *name*. Protect your people with the armor of your Word.

O God, you are the Temple of your people:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: For the earth we pray. During this autumn season, give to plants and wild animals a time of rest. Keep the coronavirus and other pathogens away from the animals that we farm.

O God, you are the Maker of the heavens and the earth:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: For all the nations we pray. Bring an end to war and terrorism. Cultivate a worldwide spirit of cooperation that will seek just international agreements and shared human rights. Rescue humankind from the worship of wealth, and give a homeland to migrants.

O God, you are the Haven we seek:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: For the United States we pray. Quell attempts at violence, and restore national good will. End prejudice of all kinds, and lead us into a unity that embraces diversity. Comfort those who live in fear

of the future. Bless all newly elected officials, especially President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, with a passion for justice and a commitment to honesty.

O God, you are our Mighty Fortress:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: We pray for all who are in need. Visit with health and good medical care all the sick, especially the thousands who each day are contracting the coronavirus. Prepare a vaccine to save our world from COVID-19. Give food, employment, and housing to the countless who are struggling to live. We pray especially for. . .

***(Please read only 1<sup>st</sup> Name and Congregation can read with AM instead of Echoing)***

**Virgil Emswiler, Roxanne Robinson and Christine Roleski**

O God, you are our Physician, our Nurse:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

P: For many of us, what the ancient prophet said is now true: these are days of distress and anguish. We beg you to listen to the prayers of our hearts.

***(A longer period of silence)***

*Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):*

*Kenneth Bauer, Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Judi Geri, Robert Hindle, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Dottie Jacques, Rich Kleylein, Ryan Law, Mary Lesh, Cindy Levengood, Ellen Levy-Gray, Jay Markwart, James Newson, Diane Pannella, Jennifer Paris, Judi Rittenhouse, Brookelyn Rogers, Lynn Schmitt, Brian Spitko, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, Vicki Walker, and Greg Wick*

O God, you are Father, Mother, Lover, Master, Friend:

**A: Hear us and help us.**

P: We remember before you all the saints who have lived and died in the faith, especially Elizabeth of Hungary in her ministry to the sick, and those we name here now. . . . At the end of time, bring us all into your peace.

O God, you are the Light perpetual:

**A: Hear us and help us**

P: Receive these prayers, and in your gracious mercy grant your strength to our neediness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

***Let us share the peace with one another***

*(Please keep in mind Social Distancing)*

***Please be seated***

## **OFFERING**

*If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website;*

***zionofspringcity.org*** and make your contribution there. Download the GIVE+ App, or text 610-595-

9674 to set up a one-time or recurring donation amount. You may also use PayPal if you would like please go to this website <https://www.zionofspringcity.org/electronic-giving/>.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"I Surrender All"*



Anna Moore on Trumpet

*Those able, please stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**P: Amen**



## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**A: It is right to give him 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. 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:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)*

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**A: 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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

**A: Amen.**

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION -**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**A: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**P: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**A: Amen**

### **THE SENDING HYMN**

***“My Lord, What a Morning”***

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

ELW # 438

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

3 You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual



### **DISMISSAL**

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"

J. Denton

Tune: Harwell by L. Mason

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## BULLETINS

In honor and love for Jonathan Henry Munz- USMC - Semper Fi

## FLOWERS

In the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles L. Barndt, Sr. by daughter  
Barbara A. Miller

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Zechariah 1:7-17	A vision of God's judgment and mercy
Tuesday	Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4	Vision of mercy and judgment
Wednesday	Matthew 24:45-51	Parable of the unfaithful slave
Thursday	Job 16:1-21	A lament about unjust punishment
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 5:12-18	The Christian life
Saturday	Psalms 9:1-14	God's reward of the righteous

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**November 22nd**, is Christ the King as well as **Harvest Sunday**! Please bring canned goods/non perishables items to church throughout the month of November, to be donated to the Spring City Food Pantry the following Monday.