

Happiness is...



Possible | Generous | Thankful

11:00 – November 20, 2016

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Open Up the Heavens with *Holy, Holy, Holy*”

OPENING LITURGY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 15:13-18 [NIV]

¹³A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. ¹⁴The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly. ¹⁵All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast. ¹⁶Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil. ¹⁷Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred. ¹⁸A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Ancient Words”

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 [NIV]

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To 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. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But 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. ²⁰The 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. ²⁵So 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? ²⁷Well 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. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WELCOMING of NEW MEMBERS

SERMON HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness” [*LSB 809*]

SERMON “HAPPINESS IS GENEROUS”

SERMON RESPONSE “Great is Thy Faithfulness” [*chorus*]

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Worthy is the Lamb”

“Lord, I Need You”

“Lord, to You Immortal Praise” [LW 496, v. 1-3]

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, to You Immortal Praise” [LW 496, v. 4]

CONNECT

- Young Adult Survey | College Students & Young Adults | Take the survey online
- College Card Shower | Grab one @ the table located in the foyer
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship | Wednesday, November 23 | 6:00pm
 - No Youth Night, Confirmation, or Choir Rehearsal (Adults & Children)
- Parent’s Night Out | Friday, December 2 | 6:00-9:00pm | Register Online
- “Let it Snow” | Sunday, December 4 | 5:00-8:00pm | Mark Your Calendars
 - *Don’t forget to register for the Chili Cook Off!*
- Night of Hope | December 12 & 15 | Register Online @ www.6stones.org/noh

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “You Shall Go Out With Joy!”

Douglas Wagner

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*