



8:30 – November 15, 2015

PRELUDE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “God Has Spoken By His Prophets” [LW 343]

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS *from Psalm 51*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within everyone in this place. Restore to your people at Peace the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us. It is because of your son Jesus that we are forgiven and saved.

C: Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 5:1-11 [NIV 84]

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ²With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

³Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

⁵When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. ⁶Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

⁷About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?”

“Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

⁹Peter said to her, “How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

¹⁰At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 [NIV 84]

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵To 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. ¹⁶The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

¹⁷So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸But 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. ²⁰The 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. ²⁵So 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? 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“Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. 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!

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN “Lord of All Hopefulness” [*LSB 738*]

SERMON “THE LEGO CHURCH: INVEST”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

- **Peace, comfort and healing** to Doris Bradford – speedy recovery from eye surgery; Kathryn Oestricher – successful reconstruction surgery Monday, Nov. 16; Kristie Kolb (daughter of Tim Elliott) – recovering from a procedure for kidney stones
- **Praise and Thanksgiving** to The Doversbergers – a new grandson born Tuesday, Nov. 10, Max Andrew Doversberger.
- **Wisdom** and **courage** to our Red Apple Staff and Military.
- **Mission of the Month** – 6Stones (Night of Hope)

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

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN “Thank the Lord”

CONNECT

- **Decorating Day** | Sunday, November 22 | After 11 o'clock worship | **Light Lunch**
- **Thanksgiving Eve** | Wednesday, November 25 @ 7:00p
- **Let it Snow!** | Sunday, December 6 | 5pm | **Concert & Activities for all ages**
- **National Youth Gathering 2016** | **Pre-Registration Deadline: Dec. 13**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Imperial March”

Edward Elgar