TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 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! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 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. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we
may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

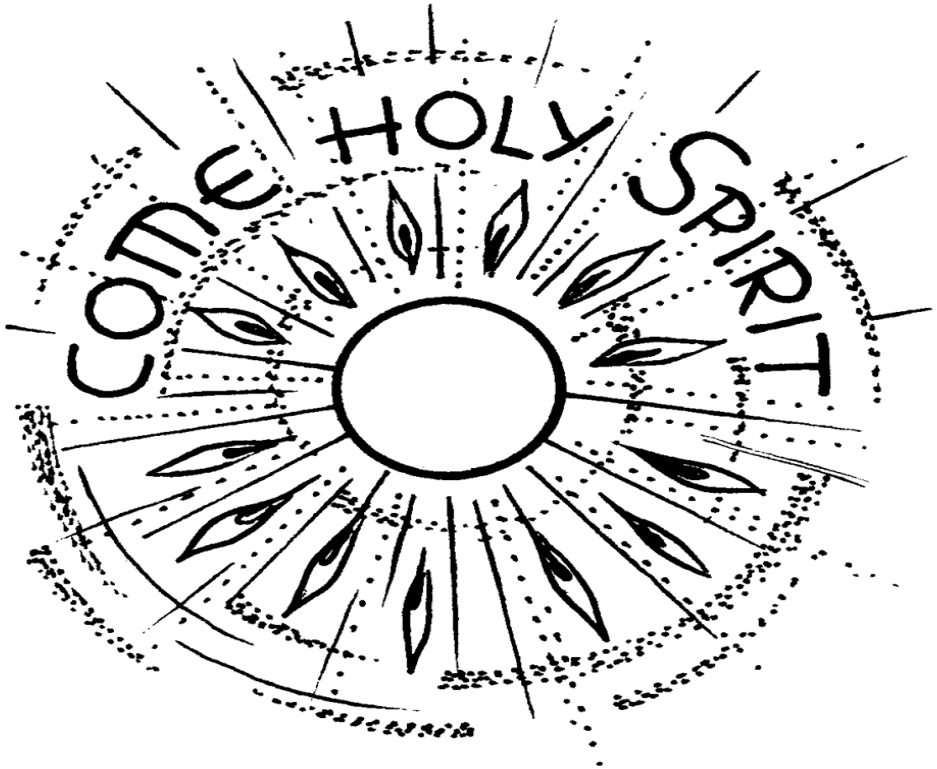
The Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one
who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more
talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and
settled accounts with them. 20 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.' 21 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.' 22 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.' 23 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.' 24 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, 25 so I was
afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26
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? 27 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. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 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.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit:
The Parable of the Talents

November 15, 2026



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Matthew 25:14-15

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The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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*+ **Welcome to worship at Peace!** We worship at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page. Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website, Facebook page (Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos.*
*+ **Children and worship**: We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship. Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the sanctuary entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under. A cry room is just outside the worship space—parents, please be present with your children. For more information, see the "Welcome, Children and Families" sheet on the Welcome Table.*
*+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love.*
*+ If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.*

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs

Praise the Lord together singing hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Public domain *

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Burgundy Book Hymn 108
Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790; Music: NETTLETON, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813 *

"Teach Me to Number My Days"
Meredith Benet Aguirre, Channing Gillespie, Grayson Kessenich, Nathan Fox, and Robbie Seay CCLI Song # 7246728 *
Until this world is made new, until my soul is with you,
Teach me to number my days. Teach me to number my days.
Until my faith is made sight and every wrong is made right,
Teach me to number my days, teach me to number my days.

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The New Testament 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Gospel Song "We Will Glorify" Burgundy Book 281
Text & music: Twila Paris, b. 1958 WE WILL GLORIFY, © 1982 Singspiration Music/ ASCAP, admin. Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing *
We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

The Gospel Song "We Will Glorify"

11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

Sermon Pastor John

Song of the Day "We Are Called" Red Book Hymn 720
Text & music: David Haas, b. 1957; GIA Publishing, Inc. *

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response: "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" Burgundy Book Hymn 43
Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952; Music: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952 © 1978 Bob Kilpatrick Music, admin. Lorenz Publishing Co. *
In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In my heart… In your church…

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer Burgundy Book pg. 39

The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share Holy Communion. We offer red wine; white grape juice, and a gluten-free cracker option. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Song "Blessed Assurance" Burgundy Book Hymn 118
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915; Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp 1830-1908 *
"Teach Me to Number My Days"
Meredith Benet Aguirre, Channing Gillespie, Grayson Kessenich, Nathan Fox, and Robbie Seay CCLI Song # 7246728 *

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "We've Come This Far by Faith" Red Book Hymn 633
Text: Albert A. Goodson; Music: Albert A. Goodson © 1965, 1993 Manna Music *

The Dismissal Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

We are sent out to love and serve our neighbors in Jesus' name, using gifts of time, talent, and treasure God's given us. An offering box is located at the entrance of the sanctuary for financial gifts to support the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church.

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