

## Old Testament

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

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

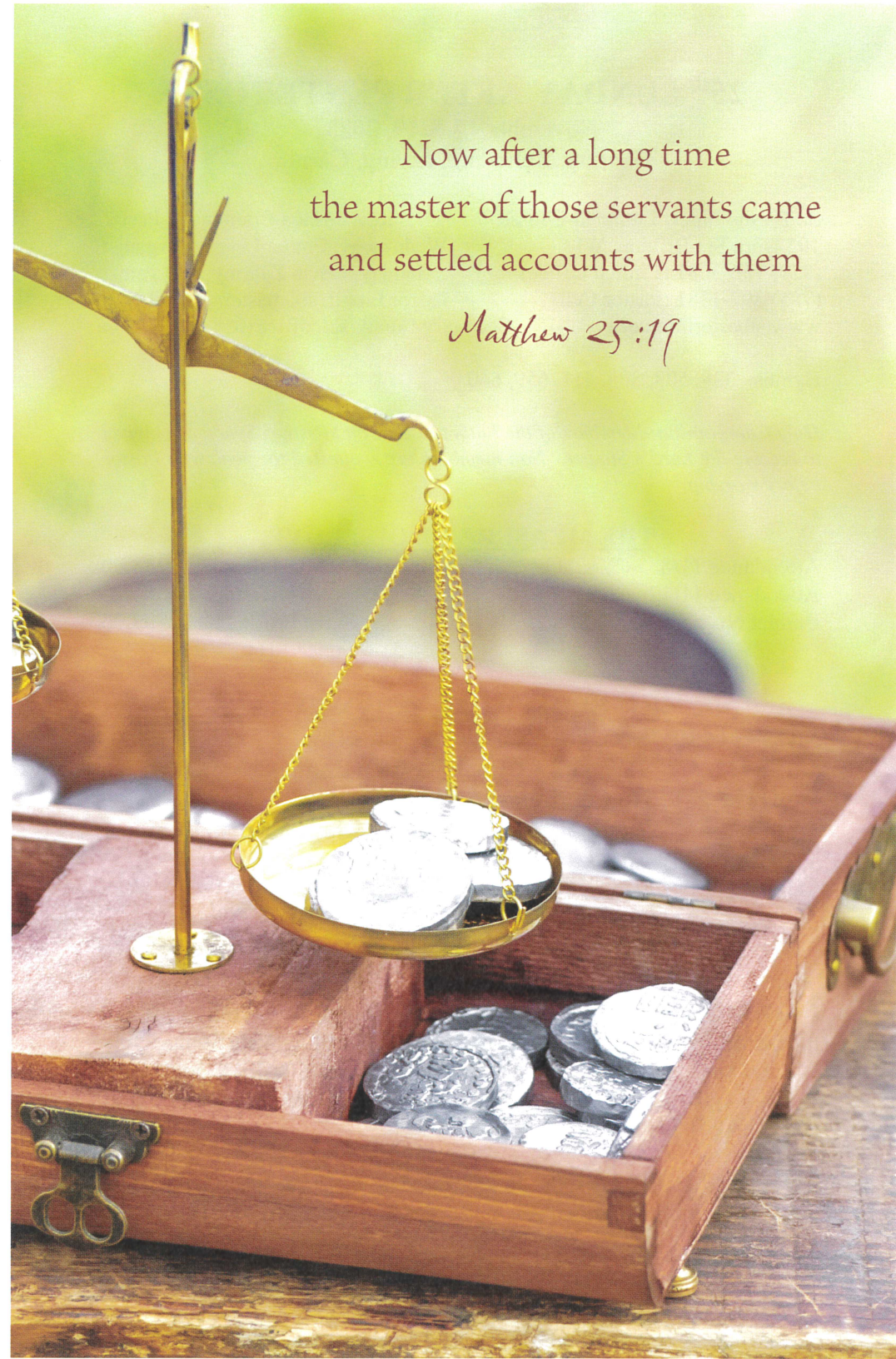
## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:14–30*

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <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>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no 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 answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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*Matthew 25:19*



**About the Cover:** When the master returned, he expected that his property would have been used for its intended purpose. The third servant thought that storing it away was the safest form of management. However, it was given to be invested. Christ has given His Church His valuable Word, not to be stored away but invested in the lives of people. It will always accomplish its intended purpose because God's Word never comes back empty (see Isaiah 55:11). Jesus emptied Himself on the cross for our sake to bring us the richness of His forgiveness, life, and salvation.



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15 & 19, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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**Holy Communion:** *Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/8 (Wed): 29	Comm.: 28	Offering: \$335.00
Attendance 11/12 (Sun): 68	Comm.: 53	Offering: \$1,681.20
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 11/12: \$92.00
S.S. - 4	Staff - 5	B.C. - 9

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (11/20) December Newsletter Items Due  
TUES (11/21) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastor's Conf., Chilton  
WED (11/22) No Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/continuous distribution  
THUR (11/23) *Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed*  
SUN (11/26) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. – Worship  
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Simon & Rhonda Geiger in honor of their anniversary.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY** begins on November 19. The ornaments are on the tree in the coat room. Items are noted on the ornaments. Please attach the ornament to the gift. Gifts need to be wrapped when you bring them in.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** – Dec. 10 & 13 after services sponsored by Ladies Aid. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you wish to help by donating homemade Christmas cookies. Bring them to church by 9:00 a.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE TO YOUR COOKIES IF THEY CONTAIN NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, TO INFORM THOSE WHO ARE ALLERGIC TO THESE INGREDIENTS. Thank you for your help! (Profits will go toward the Boiler & Blacktop Funds).

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** – Order forms are on the table in the narthex or from the church office. You can drop off your order form and payment to the church office. Deadline is Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**BRATS FOR SALE** – Stewardship is selling brats in packages of 6 and 12. Cost is \$21 for 6 and \$42 for 12. They are available for purchase after church services and also during the week during church office hours.

**ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS** – If you would like to use your Thrivent action card for the women's bathroom renovation, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

**FOOD-N-MORE** collection box is in the coatroom. You can bring nonperishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion. Deadline is Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the card room.

**ADVENT MEALS** will be served on Wednesdays December 6, 13 & 20. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board for attending and hosting.

**CHURCH DECORATING** will take place on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This will be both interior decorating as well as putting up the outdoor nativity. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Alice Koerth for interior decorating and Hank Horn Jr. for the outdoor nativity.