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(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
(Psalm 90:12)

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 123; responses in bold-face italics)

We lift our eyes to you, O God; we lift our spirits in worship.

We look to you, seeking guidance and comfort.

We look to you seeking healing and renewal.

We look to you, seeking mercy and grace;

for we have had our fill of struggles and stress.

We have had more than our fill of worrying and wondering.

To you, O God, we lift our eyes and spirits,

with hope and confidence in your love.

Be known to us as we worship and help us find rest.

OPENING VIDEO & PRAYER

HYMN *Heaven shall not wait* (Church Hymnary 362)

1. Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.
2. Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege –
to kneel and wash servants' feet before the feast.

3. Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.
4. Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

CHILDREN'S TIME & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

GOSPEL READING St. Matthew 25:14-30 (GNB New Testament, page 37)
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

REFLECTION MUSIC: "Rich Man" (Semi-Toned)

DISCUSSION *"If I were a rich (wo)man ..."*

HYMN *Take my life, Lord, let it be* (Church Hymnary 502)
[The following verse is included between verses 3 and 4 as in the hymnary]

4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold:
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your preferred language / version.)

***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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

CLOSING MUSIC: Come, bring your burdens to God (South Africa)

BLESSING (spoken together:)

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.***

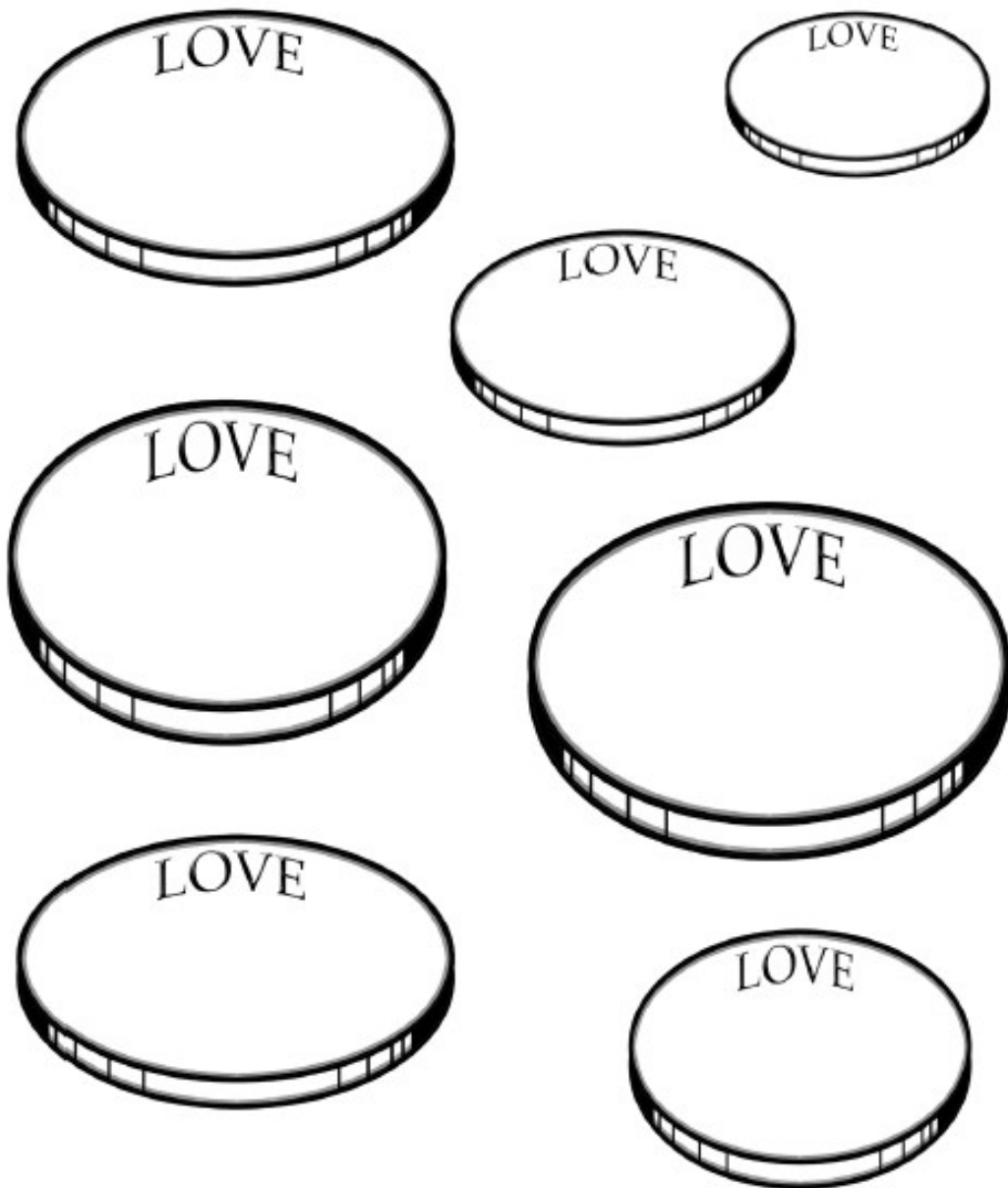


CHILDREN'S PAGE

Parable of the Three Servants

ACTIVITY

The coins in the story that Jesus told can represent the gifts that God gives us to share with others. The coins below all have the word "love" written on them. After the word "love" write someone or something with whom you can show love (love my family, love God, and so on).



Other children's resources at: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

NOTICES

- **Digital Worship** is held live every Sunday at 12.30 p.m. on Zoom. The Meeting ID is: 948 4226 7013. The Passcode is: 032542. Worship bulletins are normally posted on our website a few days in advance at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/worship-archive/> For **data protection** reasons, no private audio or video recordings of our Zoom worship services are permitted. Please comply to respect each other's privacy.
- The focus of the **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is on East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/east-timor-timor-leste-indonesia-philippines>
- Links to many other **online worship resources** provided by various churches, including the United Church of Christ, the Church of Scotland and others, have been posted on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- **Guest preacher** next Sunday, 22 November, will be Revd Anja Stuckenberger, a former Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Superintendent who now lives and works in Bochum as head of the *Evangelische Stadtakademie*.
- The **Weltladen** (Fair Trade Store) has a batch of handmade full-face masks in aid of ECC church funds on sale for a minimum donation of € 5 per mask. *Weltladen* opening hours are Tuesday and Friday 14-17 hrs and Saturday 11-17 hrs.
- Hundreds of **English books** packed in 36 boxes of approx. 50 books per box are available to raise income for the ECC. Donations of € 10 or more per box (surprise content) are more than welcome. Contact Pastor Jimmy to buy your box of books!
- Our **congregational income** has been dramatically affected by the corona crisis. Please consider donating by bank transfer in order that the ECC may continue to cover ongoing costs. Bank account details are as shown here. *Thank you*.

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"And the master said to that slave, 'Comic strips? You've spent all this time drawing comic strips?'"

More lectionary cartoons at: <https://www.agnusday.org>