

Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025 10 a.m.

Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude Deb Bruckschen

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 51

***Hymn 12** "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"

*Salutation and Invocation

Hymn 415 "God, be Merciful to Me"

The Belgic Confession #35 part 1 (see insert)

Congregational Prayer

***Hymn 456** "Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way"

Scripture Reading and Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon title: "**Using the Lord's Talents**"

*Prayer of Application (concluded with Lord's Prayer in unison)

Hymn 315 "God Himself is With Us"

(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

*Benediction

*Doxology (Pg. xvi)

(*congregation stands if possible)

Church Calendar

Sunday	Today	1:00 p.m.	Congregational Mtg.
Sunday	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Young Peoples Mtg.
Monday	Jan. 13	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Eve. Bible Study
Wednesday	Jan. 15	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Daytime Bible Study
Sunday	Jan. 19	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study

We welcome all **visitors** who are worshiping with us today. Please sign the Guest Register in the Fellowship Hall and join us again soon!

Announcements

Those wishing to **contact Rev. Grossmann** for spiritual or other needs can call him on his cell phone at 1-605-228-6508. The home phone number is 920-726-4464.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held today, after a brief fellowship meal. All congregation members are encouraged and welcome to attend. (In case of a weather cancellation, the meeting would be the 19th). **Officer elections** at this meeting are for 3-year terms. The Consistory nominates for Elder: Larry Stock; and for Deacon: Ben Stock. Please prayerfully consider these candidates in light of God's description of these offices, found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-16, and 1 Peter 5:1-5.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, thoughts, and gifts we received in memory of our mom. Ron & Ellen

Happy Birthday – Tuesday to Ean Stock and on Wednesday to Corey Stock.

Our Sunday worship services are available on live stream at <http://tinysa.com/live/salem>

Rev. James Grossmann
“Using the Lord's Talents”
Matthew 25:14-30

Theme: Jesus Teaches that God Requires Productive Stewardship from His People

- I. Each Given Talents According to Ability – vv. 14-19
 - A. A Seemingly Unsupervised Stewardship – vv. 14-15; Lk 19:13; I Co 6:20; Ro 12:6
 - B. Investing Those Trusts for God's Gain – vv. 16-17
 - C. One Paralyzed by Fear of Loss (or just plain Laziness) – vv. 18-19; Mt 12:36; Php 2:12-13; Lk 19:15
- II. Judged According to Stewardship of God's Gifts – vv. 20-25
 - A. Joyfully Bringing God's ROI – vv. 20, 22; I Ti 4:14; I Pe 4:11
 - B. Blessed with Further Eternal Responsibility – vv. 21, 23; Mt 24:45; 25:34; Lk 16:10; Re 3:21; Heb 12:2
 - C. Fearfully Returning God's Capital – vv. 24-25; Ge 1:28; I Ti 4:4-5
- III. God Requires Interest on His Investment – vv. 26-30
 - A. God does Not Deny that He is a Hard “Man” – v. 26; Lk 19:22; Pr 22:13; Lk 12:47
 - B. Depositing His Salvation for Usury – v. 27
 - C. God's Stewardship is Reinvested in One Who Produces Gain – vv. 28-29; Mt 21:43; Jn 15:2
 - D. Unprofitable Servants will be Cast into Outer Darkness – v. 30; Jn 15:6