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TWENTY-FIFTH **SUNDAY AFTER** PENTECOST -PROPER 28

USING OUR **GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND TALENTS**





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. What is a talent?
- 2. What can stop us from using our talents?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading

Judges 4:1-7 Deborah

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Day of the Lord

Gospel reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Parable of the talents

DISCUSS

In what ways you are using your talents to serve God? What does God promise to those who use their talents well (Matthew 25:29)?



ACTION RESPONSE

Think of a person in your congregation or community who is developing or using their God-given gifts and talents, and whom you would like to encourage. Write them an encouragement note or prepare an encouraging gift for them.



PRAYER

Lord God, teach us to wisely use all the time we have. help us to be faithful servants who make the most of your gifts. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

For food and drink and happy days we offer up our thanks and praise. Amen.



BLESSING

Child of light, may God bless you with faith, hope and love, this day and always.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11A



VERSE OF THE WEEK