

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2024**



Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
Holy Communion 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

***PRAYER**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we come to you open and willing to be in relationship with you again. You know our hearts and our innermost secrets. We call on you now to make us whole, refresh us, and bless us so that we may do your holy work in the world by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and through our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another: **God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.**

God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Fling Wide the Door Hymn 259

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

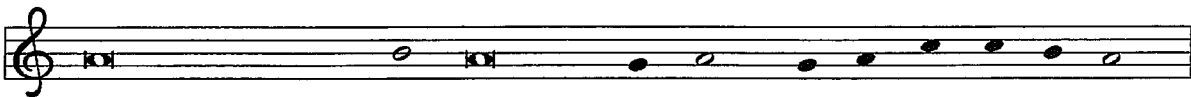
*KYRIE - (Lord have mercy) page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



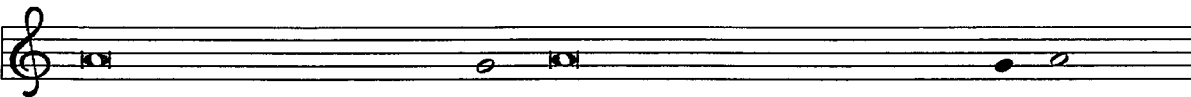
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



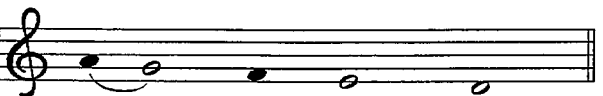
Lord, have mer - cy.



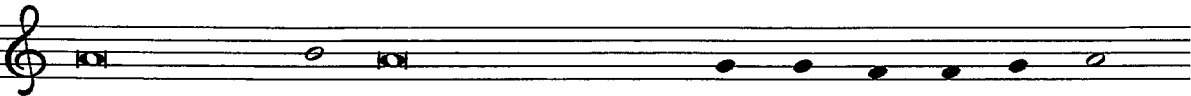
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



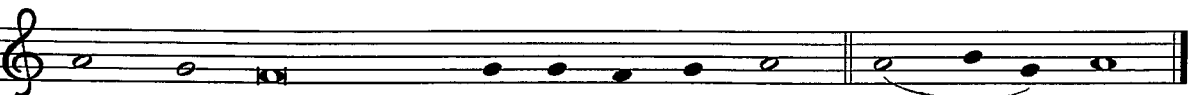
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE - (Glory to God) page 148

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.


***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Tone: 

R: 

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹ Hal-^l lelujah!

Praise the LORD,^l O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long^l as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I^l have my being.

³ Put not your^l trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there^l is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re-^l turn to earth,
and in that day^l their thoughts perish. R**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob^l for their help,
whose hope is in the^l LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that^l is in them;
who keeps promis-^l es forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to^l those
who hunger.

The LORD sets the^l captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who^l are bowed down;**

the LORD^l loves the righteous. R

⁹ The LORD cares^l for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
way^l of the wicked.

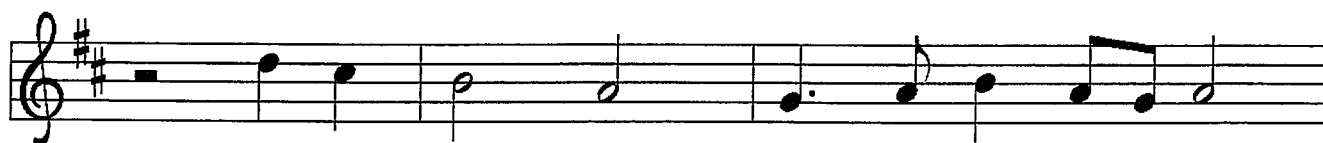
¹⁰ **The LORD shall^l reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ^l Hallelujah! R**

SECOND READING - Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM RINGERS - For the Beauty of the Earth arr. J.D. Frizzell

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL - Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE The Rev. Althea Seidel

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Take My Life, That I May Be Hymn 583

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** (After the prayer) **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING - (*offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY HYMN - (Create in Me a Clean Heart)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. **We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death, and by his resurrection opened to us the way of eternal life.

So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS - ("Holy, holy, holy") Page 153**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread and raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. **Come, Lord Jesus. Breathe new life into us.**

***AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God) Page 154**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give thanks for this holy meal and all the ways you nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses of your Son's great love, that we may be your hands and feet in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** - Jesus Shall Reign Hymn 434

***DISMISSAL**

Go and serve others with the love of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

NAMETAGS: Please stop by the Welcome Table (parking lot entrance) and pick up your nametag. We are asking that you wear your nametag to Church until an announcement is made. If you do not have a nametag, please contact the Church Office.

DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP: We are in the planning stages of our 25th disaster response mission trip here in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. There is a meeting **TODAY** at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz. Information about the location and dates of our next trip will be shared. Anyone interested in attending the trip is invited to come out and learn more. For more information, please contact The Rev. Glenn A. Beard, Jr. at 717.626.1171 ext. 1669.

DONATIONS NEEDED: As the weather starts to get colder, the Spread the Warmth campaign will begin. Donations of blankets, gloves, scarves, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, and socks are needed. We welcome any donation of clothing or shoes. Please place your donation in The Giving Place in the Spread the Warmth bin. Thank you!

WISH LIST: This year as the Northwest Elementary School Liaison I will be conducting a Northwest Elementary School Wish List Campaign for donations of classroom materials, clothing and coats from October 1 to November 15. The list has been previewed and approved by Principal Jennifer Nordall. It includes #2 pencils, specialty pencils, colored pencils, erasers, black Expo markers, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, pencil pouches, book bags, lunch boxes, tissues, disinfectant spray & wipes, hand sanitizer, clothing of all sizes, underwear, sweat pants, socks, hats, gloves and coats 4t and up. The Women of the ELCA have volunteered their collection barrel in The Giving Place as the collection site for these needed items. Please prayerfully consider participating in the Wish List Campaign. Your voluntary participation in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Karen Weaver

SPECIAL COLLECTION: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response allow the church to effectively respond in times of disaster where assistance is needed most. Gifts designated to a specific disaster will be used in full — 100 percent — to help with immediate and long-term needs. Envelopes can be found at either Welcome Table or in the Pews. You can also mark your donation with a note. Thank you!

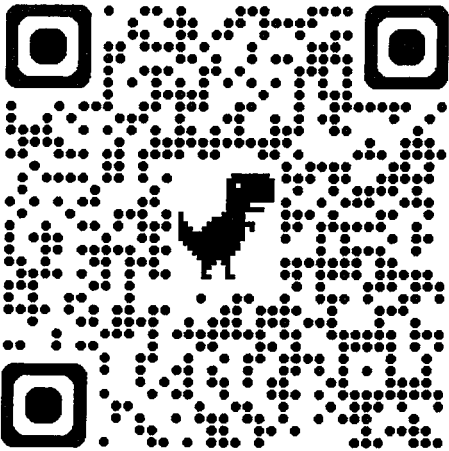
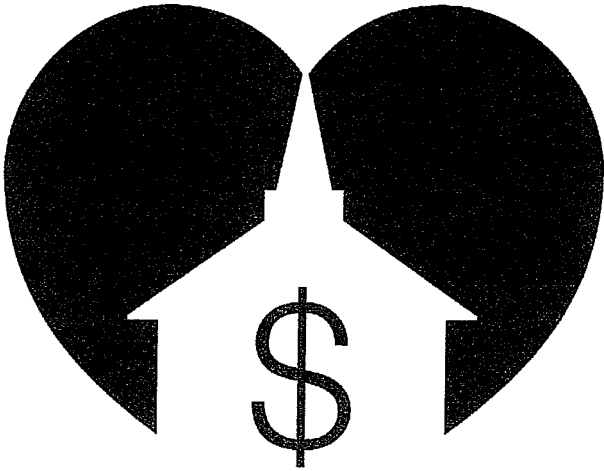
BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS: In cooperation with the Salvation Army, tags will once again be available starting **TODAY**. The tags are local children's wish list for Christmas. Your help will brighten their holiday. The tree will be in the Narthex. We ask that gifts are brought in by November 24. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Battistelli at 717-274-1550.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Looking for something to do? Want to help out HTLC? Volunteers are needed to wrap utensils for the Share and Care box. Help is also needed getting the donations ready for the Spread the Warmth campaign. If you can lend some time during the week, please contact the Church Office at 717-273-8567 or stephanie@trinityleb.org.

TAKE A WALK: Join the Quittapahilla Audubon Society for an observation of flora and fauna along the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail. Meet Sunday, November 24 at the Jonestown trailhead. Questions? Please contact the leader, Fritz Heilman at 717-273-0487.

AFTERNOON OR NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: Pastor is inviting us to form 2 groups to go to the movies and see *Bonhoeffer*. One will be during the day for those who prefer daytime and one will be in the evening if it is more convenient. Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:15pm (coffee and snacks afterward) or 2:25pm (early dinner together), OR an evening time TBD. Let Pastor Althea know if you are interested AND what time and day works best for you.

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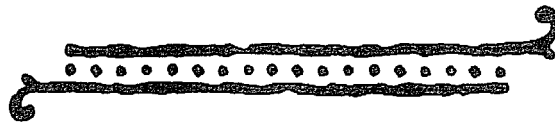


THANKS
Be to God



IN GOD
I TRUST;

I shall not
be afraid.



Psalm 56:4, ESV



GIVING THANKS

always

FOR ALL THINGS

UNTO GOD

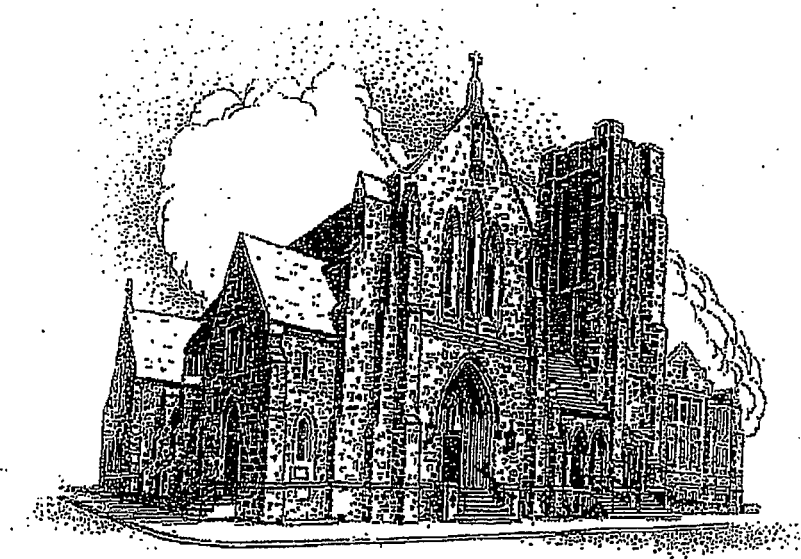
AND THE FATHER

IN THE NAME

OF OUR LORD

JESUS CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 5:20, KJV



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