

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, “The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.”” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on

our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *October mission of the month, Lutheran Heritage Foundation.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *All who are suffering as a result of recent storms.*
- *Emily Neumann, recovering at home.*
- *June Fischer, recovering from surgery.*
- *Rosie Valine, niece of Pastor and Naomi, seeking a diagnosis and treatment plan.*
- *Jim Schmitz, for successful treatment.*
- *Ruth McKenna, for strength and healing.*

All who are battling cancer:

- *Jayne Cotter*
- *Ed Friede*
- *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*

Please also keep in prayer

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. John in Sherman Center and Rev. Christopher Gillespie;*

—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



“Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

THE LORD FREELY FEEDS AND PROVIDES FOR US WITH EVERYTHING HE HAS

Those who contribute “large sums” from “out of their abundance” have done very little. They cannot purchase God’s favor with their money. But the “poor widow” with her two small coins, who “out of her poverty has put in everything she had,” entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah “for many days,” as well as herself and her household, “according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah” (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. “By the sacrifice of himself,” by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered “into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf” (Heb. 9:24–26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Mark 13:10** “And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #508 — “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

❸ **Collect of the Week** — O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Jer. 23:21-40; Matt. 25:31-46 **T:** Jer. 25:1-18; Matt. 26:1-19 **W:** Jer. 26:1-19; Matt. 26:20-35 **Th:** Jer. 29:1-19; Matt. 26:36-56 **F:** Jer. 30:1-24; Matt. 26:57-75 **Sat:** Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34; Matt. 27:1-10 **Sun:** Jer. 33:1-22; Matt. 27:11-32

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Pentecost 26* (November 17, 2024):

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13; Psalm 16

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 43*

Day 1 — Into the City

Day 3 — One Last Meal

Day 2 — Washing Feet

Day 4 — In the Garden

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Greeters — Jerry & Betty Payne

Elder — Mark Mathe; Usher — Jeff Ourada

Altar Guild — Hayley Buchholz, Jr. Altar Guild — Betsy Marks

Acolyte — Tyler Neumann

Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada

Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 107:1-2, 41-42; antiphon: v. 8



Let them thank the Lord for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord | say so,*
whom he has redeemed from | trouble.

He raises up the needy out of af- | fliction*
and makes their families | like flocks.

The upright see it | and are glad,*
and all wickedness | shuts its mouth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Let them thank the Lord for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

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