



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, November 10, 2024

### 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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## INTRODUCTION

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.

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The November Noisy Offering collection will go to the Lutheran Hurricane Relief, chosen by our 5th-8th grade class.

Youth Temple Talk—Homeless Sleepout/ MLM Christmas Store.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray,

For the educators, give them endurance and patience; that they will do what's best for their students.

For the well-being of our precious children, that this school year they will make good choices, be kind to others, develop healthy friendships, and open their minds to learn and grow in wisdom.

We pray that you will remove distractions, protect their physical, mental, spiritual and emotional health, and shield their hearts from peer pressure.

Bless them and keep them in your loving care that they would choose Jesus.

In your loving name we pray,

Amen.



## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 461

### All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

- 3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

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### Greeting page 98

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.**

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### HYMN OF PRAISE page 101

### 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.**

### First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup> “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So 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.” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> But 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.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah 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.” <sup>14</sup> For 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.” <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The 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: Psalm 146**

*The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> 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.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 102

*Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 12th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

<sup>38</sup> 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, <sup>39</sup> and to have the

best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!<sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.<sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.<sup>43</sup> 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.<sup>44</sup> 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."



**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

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**A Blessing for Veterans**

Don Anderson	United States Army (Active & Reserves)	1963 - 1989
David Best	United States Army Reserves	1981 - 1987
John Bott	United States Army	1970 - 1972
Ronald C. Brown	United States Air Force, Retired	1962 - 1982
Doug Campbell	United States Army	1961 - 1964
Todd Eiter	United States Marines	1995 - 2000
Ken Griffitt	United States Army	1959 - 1961
Louis Johnson	United States Navy, Submarine Service	1963 - 1971
Tom Knappenberger	United States Army	1963 - 1965
Dean Moore	United States Air Force	1968 - 1971
Larrie Nichols	United States Navy	1969 - 1973
Frank Saunders	United States Army	1990 - 1994
Deran Weeg	United States Navy	1992 - 1996

For everything there is a season.  
A time for war and a time for peace.  
A time for every activity under heaven.  
For a season of life you gave up freedom to become a servant.  
For a season of life you put the lives of others before your own.  
For a season of life you sacrificed for the sake of others.  
Your season of military service is complete,  
yet your life in Christ knows no end.  
In baptism Christ claimed you as his own  
and grafted you into his servant body.  
The burdens you carried in military service,  
and those you carry now,  
are not far from Christ but are taken by our Savior to the cross.  
They are swallowed up in his death,  
and you are raised with Christ to resurrection life.  
We give thanks to God for your season of service  
and for your life in Christ among us today.  
May the One who gave you the will  
to deny yourself, sacrifice, and serve,  
bless you with faith, hope, and love all your days,  
in the name of the Father, the ✝ Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 638

### **Blessed Assurance**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### *Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
*Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## **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**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill (*especially*). Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

**And also with you**

Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....

And 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.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

### COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG pg. 112



### COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 515

#### Break Now the Bread of Life

- 1 Break now the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the  
sea.  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you,  
O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace,  
my All-in-All!

- 3 You are the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live  
with you above;  
teach me to love your truth,  
for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

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### ELW 616

#### Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into  
your kingdom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 434, vs. 1 & 2**

### **Jesus Shall Reign**

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to  
shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
  
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.638-9331 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

### **St. Mark's members:**

Donna & Ron Frenzl,  
Donna Nichols,  
Pete Cagle,  
Linda Cagle,  
Janet Nichols,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Susan & Bill Roberts,  
George McElroy,  
Janet Schmidt,

### **Family & friends:**

El Haddad, Semaan, and Nassar families and friends in Lebanon, extended family and friends of Fetsch Family,  
Julia Wise, sister-in-law of Amy Hackler,  
Timothy Morey, son's friend of Amy Hackler,  
Marlin Weidler, friend of St. Mark's,  
Family of Phyllis Dettmer,  
Steve, nephew of Joni Benz,  
Donna Trester, Mother of Linda Cagle,  
Sandra Borg, sister of Joyce Johnson,  
Peggy, cousin of Jane Scherrer,  
Kerry O'Rourke, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Fran Besser, friend of Joni Benz,  
Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Everett, friend of sister-in-law of Janet Anderson,  
Jessica Parker, great-niece of Jane Stresewki,  
Tammy Strampe, Daughter-in-law of Barbara Strampe,  
Bob Bergene, friend of Clarence Linsey,  
Doug & Kathy Thee, cousins of Barbara Strampe,  
Sheryl Thompson, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Scott Miller, son-in-law of Jane & Mike Scherrer,  
Harry Cagle, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Janice, sister of Jenny Wheeler,  
Dr. Owens, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
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Chris, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Joetta Eagle & family, friends of Linda Bayer,

Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Bill Benne, friend of Joyce and Louis Johnson,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Craig Aldag, Uncle of Ali Luin,  
Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck,  
Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe,  
Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
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