



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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25th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

GATHERING Welcome/Announcements

As God's children we are

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

You are invited to practice God's Love and Mercy by turning to those around you, greeting one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or something similar.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom
Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
O God, our merciful redeemer,

**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.**

**We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for † his sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.

Amen

*Gathering Hymn “Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us” **ELW #707**

*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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

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.**

WORD

A reading from 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 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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

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

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

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

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who

hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who**

are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the

wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

A reading from Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴Christ 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. ²⁵Nor 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; ²⁶for 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. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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The holy gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁸As [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, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

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

Sermon

*Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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*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 (Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer**)

Offering

*Offertory

“Give Thanks”

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*Offertory Prayer

**Creator God,
you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,
fill us with your love;
let that love flow through us to others;
and join us to the saints before us
in a holy and boundless communion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God"

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Prayer after Communion

**Sovereign God,
in this meal you give us a foretaste
of the great feast to come.
Keep us faithful to you,
that we, with all your saints,
may at length celebrate
the marriage feast of the Lamb,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

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Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People *Pastor:* Karen Sparling *Organist:* Nalani Bever
Greeters: Barb and John Ornes *Reader:* Karen Arzt *Communion Server:*
Arlis Ballwahn *Altar Committee:* Barb Bever and Dawn Birkholz *Ushers:*
Steve Brandau, Greg Bever, Leonard Arndt, Jerry Von Haden

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Matt Zirk, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Mildred
Radke, Lorayne Denter, Marjorie Muhr, Ed Bauer, Jerry Eckelberg,
Helen and Evan Summerfield, Linda Bauer, Linda Finnigan, Judy Bever

We lift the family of Jared Chambers in our prayers. Jared was laid to rest this past Thursday, having died in a traffic accident early last Sunday morning. We don't understand why such a young life was taken, but we look to God, and pray he will walk with Jared's family and friends during these difficult days and throughout the years.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of John Heilman. John was raised in Wilton, the son of Bill and Wilma Heilman, former owners of the Wilton Hardware store. Wilma was the sister of Ivan Radke, and Bill hailed from Norwalk. He is survived by his wife, 2 children, and brothers Paul and Bill. May God surround John's family with his loving arms, just as he now holds John.

Calendar for November 11 – November 18

Today	Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Norwalk	
	Community Center	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
	*Veteran's Day	All Day
Wed., Nov. 14	Confirmation	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Thurs., Nov. 15	W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 AM
Sun., Nov. 18	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Children Sing/Noisy Offering	
	Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We will bless the shoeboxes next Sunday, so be sure to have yours here at church.

***If you haven't received your "Thank Offering" envelope, we have a small supply on the table in the narthex. We will collect these beginning next Sunday.

In an emergency situation, please contact Caitlyn Stanek @608-633-1824 or Dan Buchholz @608-435-6126 (H) or 608-487-6525 ©

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