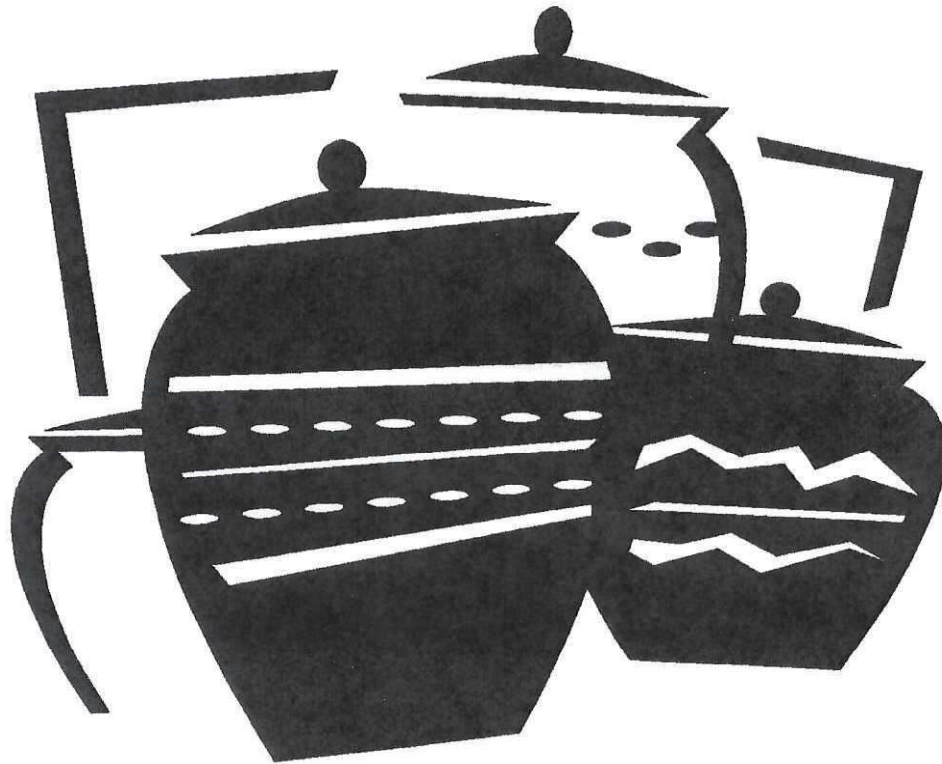


Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas



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 ...

1 KINGS 17:14, NRSV

3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year

EVERYTHING TO GIVE

November 10, 2024

TODAY'S MESSAGE: EVERYTHING TO GIVE

In today's Old Testament Reading, we hear about the prophet Elijah and a poor widow who, after hearing God's Word, gives to Elijah all of the bread that she has left and God provides her with more than enough to feed her and her son every day. In today's Gospel Reading, a poor widow puts everything she has in the temple offering and Jesus teaches us that faithful stewardship is not defined by how much we give but that we give freely and generously, trusting that the Lord will provide for all of our needs. Jesus gave us everything when He gave us Himself on the cross, and through His Word, His body and His blood, Jesus continues to give us of Himself. And now, since we have Him, we have "everything" to give to all people.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Psalm 118:24

P: This is the day the LORD has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“We Praise You, O God”

LSB 785

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator.
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You.
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You.
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’er take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. *Psalm 124:8*
C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. *Psalm 32:5*
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV] *Psalm 146*

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
C: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
C: **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.
C: **Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

P: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
C: **The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

P: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
ALL: Praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie (*sung*)

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) And with thy spirit.

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, you did not hesitate to give your all for us. Awaken in us the desire to give our all for you and for your kingdom, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So 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." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And 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."

And 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. For 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.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

Epistle Reading [ESV]

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Mark 12:38-44

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

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And 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. 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"The Temple Rang with Golden Coins"

LSB 787

**The temple rang with golden coins, the rich in bright array,
Contributed from gleaming hoards, their scales could scarcely weigh.**

**A widow came with copper coins, and offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give, or save for darker days.**

**When Jesus saw her costly gift, and knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self, and called her rich, though poor.**

**At last He brought His offering, and laid it on a tree.
There gave Himself, His life, His love, for all humanity.**

**Lord, help us all, with You, to yield, whatever love demands,
And freely give, as You have giv'n, with open hearts and hands.**

Sermon

EVERYTHING TO GIVE

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offertory *(sung)*

Psalm 51:10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Offering *(Take this time to greet those seated near you with a handshake and the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Hymn

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

LSB 781 (v.1-2)

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive.
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give!**

Prayers

✝ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✝

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Holy. Holy. Holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - - - men.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace... A - - - - - men.

Distribution Hymns

“Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us”

LSB 851

**Lord of glory, You have bought us, with Your lifeblood as the price.
Never grudging for the lost ones, that tremendous sacrifice.
And with that have freely given, blessings countless as the sand,
To the unthankful and the evil, with Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You, gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness, melt our thankless hearts of stone.
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe,
That more happy and more blessed, 'tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given, to our humblest charity,
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us, with Your lifeblood as the price.
Never grudging for the lost ones, that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You.
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.**

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

LSB 782

**Gracious God, You send great blessings, new each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending, for Your love we offer praise.**

REFRAIN

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people, who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings, may bring glory to Your name.**

**By Your Word You formed creation, filled with creatures large and small.
As we tend that endless treasure, may our care encircle all.**

REFRAIN

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people, who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings, may bring glory to Your name.**

**In His earthly life, our Savior, knew the care of faithful friends.
May our deeds of dedication, offer love that never ends.**

REFRAIN

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people, who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings, may bring glory to Your name.**

**Heav'nly Father, may our caring, bear the imprint of Your grace.
With the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be Yours in ev'ry place!**

REFRAIN

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people, who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings, may bring glory to Your name.**

"Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797

**Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death.
With songs and anthems I come before Him, as long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came. Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Trust not in rulers, they are but mortal. Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, when the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford, place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever, whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord, will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, pardon and peace from Him obtain.
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress, the widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, all you people, the name so holy, of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely, with happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Psalm 107:1

C: (*sung*) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: **God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness
sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake you
have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake
your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that
we would serve you at all times; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C: (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: (*sung*) **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

**Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.**

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