

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

November 7, 2021

**THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

**PRELUDE**

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

Pastor: The story of Elijah's visit with the widow at Zarephath is familiar. It speaks of both judgment and mercy. Jesus spoke this story to a proud people to warn them of judgment. But hidden in this same story is promise of mercy. Elijah was a stranger in a strange land, and a famine had left people hungry. The generosity of a widow and the promise of God not only sustained Elijah but also the widow and her son! We live in similar times. Though we have an abundance of things, we live in a poverty of the soul where truth, righteousness, and godliness are scarce. There will be judgment for those who reject the Lord, but He will deliver those who trust in His mercy. Yet God has called us to live as a generous people, proclaiming His mercy even in a wicked generation.

**PREPARATION**

(Please stand)

## **OPENING HYMN**

*“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” LSB 901*

**Open now Thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him, who answers prayer,  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace.**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
Come Thou also unto me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heav'n on earth must be,  
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,  
Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,  
Here Thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
Let me keep Thy gift divine;  
How-so-e'er temptations thicken,  
May thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,  
Let Thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.**

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 84:5; 2 Corinthians 8:9, adapt.*

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in the Lord,

**People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Pastor: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that  
though He was rich,

**People: for our sake He became poor, so that by His  
poverty we might become rich.**

*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole  
company of heaven and to you, my brothers and  
sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and  
deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own  
most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God**

**Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v.8*

Pastor: Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He as redeemed from the hand of the adversary But he sets the needy securely on high away from affliction. And makes His families like a flock. The upright see it, and are glad; But all unrighteousness shuts its mouth. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His Lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

## **GLORIA PATRI** (sing)

**All: 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** (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

(Please be seated)

## **HYMN**

*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940 vs 1*

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

*(Please Stand)*

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, Your glory is always to have mercy; be gracious, we pray, on all who have gone astray and come under Your divine judgment. Grant that all Your faithful people would know the richness of Your mercy and be sustained in want and need by Your steadfast love, which endures forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**People:** (sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: This is the third-last Sunday of the Church Year, as the long, green season of the Sundays after Pentecost comes to an end. In our service today, we hear of judgment turned to mercy. The Old Testament Reading tells the familiar story of Elijah and the widow and the flour and oil that were not spent. It also serves as the basis for our sermonic message. In the Epistle, we are reminded that Christ came once to bear the sins of the world and will come again to save those who wait for Him. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a poor widow's mites that speak of faith, while the offerings of the rich stand in judgment against their unrepentant hearts.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *1 King 17:8-16 ESV*

Then the word of the LORD came to him, “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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 9:24-28 ESV*

For 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. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for 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. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sing)

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“All Depends on Our Possessing” *LSB 732***

**All depends on our possessing  
God’s abundant grace and blessing  
Though all earthly wealth depart  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart**

**He who to this day has fed me  
And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine  
He who ever gently schools me  
He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine**

Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found

When with sorrow I am stricken  
Hope anew my heart will quicken  
All my longing shall be stilled  
To His loving kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender  
For on God alone I build

Well He knows what best to grant me  
All the longing hopes that haunt me  
Joy and sorrow have their day  
I shall doubt His wisdom never  
As God wills so be it ever  
I commit to Him my way

If my days on earth He lengthen  
God my weary soul will strengthen  
All my trust in Him I place  
Earthly wealth is not abiding  
Like a stream away is gliding  
Safe I anchor in His grace

## **+ SERMON+**

“Always Enough”

**Text:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

**Theme:** When we trust in the Lord, there is always enough.

**Goal:** That each and every one present this morning would grow in trust and confidence in God’s faithful provision even in times of great scarcity and be assured that our deepest needs of grace and forgiveness will always be met, because in Jesus there is always enough.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** *LSB pages 192-193*

**ALL:** (sing) **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.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, those who serve her as ministers and all her members, that we come with repentant hearts before the Lord and be grateful for the mercy that sustains us in this life and gives us life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges, and magistrates, that we be protected from our enemies and preserved in freedom to serve the Lord without constraint and with clear conscience, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the rich that they be grateful for their blessings and use them in service to those in need and for the poor that God would sustain them and keep them from bitterness and complaint, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this congregation, our pastor and all our parish leaders, that the Lord equip us with a spirit of humility that we walk in His ways and confess faithfully His Gospel before all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy**

Pastor: For the sick, the suffering, the aged, the infirm, those in their last days, and those who grieve for those they have lost, . . . , that the Lord grant them healing in accordance with His will, grace to endure the day of trouble, and peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For gratitude and thanksgiving, that we use the resources the Lord has supplied to honor His name and that we return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due for all His mercies, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the grace of the Holy Spirit that we be prepared in body and soul to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Communion, and be strengthened in faith and in love for Him and for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## **✠ SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

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

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

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

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is good, right, our duty and delight to give You thanks and praise at all times and in all places, holy

Lord, mighty Father, everlasting God, but now do we praise You for Your mercy shown to us, who deserve only judgment and punishment. Because our Savior Jesus Christ suffered for our salvation and rose in victory to bestow upon us the life death cannot overcome, we may stand before You and serve You, singing Your praises with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven in the eternal song of heaven and earth:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**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**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your own. You rescued us from the prison of our sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son. In Him, we have received grace upon grace, the redemption of our lost condition, and forgiveness for our many sins. By Him, we have been born anew in baptismal water and granted

Your Spirit to bring forth in us faith and new obedience. Gathered in His name and at His bidding, we remember His suffering and receive in this Communion the fruits of His death and resurrection:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** (spoken) **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Recalling how our Lord suffered for our salvation and His resurrection from the dead, we wait with joyful anticipation for His coming in power and

glory to judge the living and the dead and to deliver us into Your presence on high. Give to us grace that we not yield our bodies to sin but serve You in righteousness and holiness all our days.

**People:** (spoken) **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, You are blessed and praised, O Lord, God Almighty, now and forevermore. Amen**

Pastor: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781*

**We give Thee but Thine own  
What-e'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**

**Oh hearts are bruised and dead  
And homes are bare and cold  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold**

**To comfort and to bless  
To find a balm for woe  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below**

**The captive to release  
To God the lost to bring  
To teach the way of life and peace  
It is a Christ-like thing**

**And we believe Thy Word  
Though dim our faith may be  
What-e'er for Thine we do, O Lord  
We do it unto Thee**

## **HYMN**

*“Seek Ye First” LSB 712*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, alleluia**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia**

**Man does not live by bread alone  
but by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord  
Allelu, alleluia**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

(Please stand)

## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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 with-out end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God of our fathers, as You have promised, bestow upon Your people Your Holy Spirit that they may know You, rejoice in Your goodness, give thanks for Your mercy, and abide in faithfulness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Hebrews 13:20-21; Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783*

**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 by 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**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Jim Bumgarner, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Poinsettias**

Cost: \$14.50 per plant

Deadline to order: Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>

Place money in envelope provided with Name,  
Envelope # and place in offering plate.

## **Game Night!!**

This Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>

6pm to 8pm

Game of the Night: BINGO!!

## **Church Decorating**

November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am

*Kids Club - Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>*

10:30am to 2pm

We will be prepare and deliver food donations to  
Blessed Hope.

## **CHANGE OF DATE**

Advent by candle light NOW December 5<sup>th</sup>

Potluck at 12pm

## **Thank you**

For all the donations of quilting supplies.

## **Do you like to sing?**

Practices: Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Singing: November 28<sup>th</sup>

Opportunities for singing solo, duets, or in a choir.

Please see Marie Brown or call 313-388-9440.

## **Non Perishable Food Donations**

The Kids Club is collecting non-perishable food for Care Boxes. All donations should be in by November 12.

Place donations in church office.

### **Attendance**

Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am 44

### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

Elsie & James Brophy – November 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Birthdays**

Ryan Ladach Jr – November 8<sup>th</sup>

James Brophy – November 11<sup>th</sup>

Lisa Trout – November 11<sup>th</sup>

Bonnie Reeck – November 13<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Mack Mayfield, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

**For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**The Family of Charles Kirkpatrick**, who was called to glory

**Jerry and Mary Ann**, friend of the Pignanelli's, hospitalized with Covid

**Christine Rich**, granddaughter of Nancy Dajos, stricken with Covid

**The Family of Ken Knick**, who was laid to rest in the arms of the Lord

**The Grandson of Jim and Cheryl Smith**, stricken with Covid. Jim and Cheryl are quarantined until next Sunday.