**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 10, 2024, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table ACS 977**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Jesus We are Gathered ELW 529**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

8 The 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.” 10 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.” 11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 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.” 13 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 afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 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.” 15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 16 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 146**

 1 Hallelujah!
  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.**
 3 Put 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.**
 5 Happy 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;**
 7 who 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.**
 9 The 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!**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

24 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. 25 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, 26 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 ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, 28 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.

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**Thanks be to God.**

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

38 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 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”
41 He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 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. 44 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us ELW 707**

**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 power of 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**

…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**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in November*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***Wood County Elves Program****. We are collecting in November so the money will be*

*available in early December. Funds are especially needed to purchase household items, hygiene products, and fulfill last minute wishes.*

**OFFERING SONG Day by Day**  **ELW 750**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

you offered yourself in love for the world,

and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,

that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,

trusting in your name.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets

to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant

to preach good news to the afflicted,

to break bread with the outcast and despised,

and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,

we await the day when Jesus shall return

to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,

to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and

martyrs of every age,

that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,

we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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**

**BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned,

the Crucified One, now risen,

the Indwelling One, poured out,

☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** |
| Sunday, November 10 | 9:00 am | Worship Service* Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
* Mark 12:38-44; A widow’s generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes
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| Tuesday, November 12 | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, November 13 | 7:00 pm | Midweek WorshipConfirmation Class |
| Sunday, November 17 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School* Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
* Mark 13:1-8; The end and the coming of the Son
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*We are looking for one more person to become Offering Counters next year.*

*Please reach out the office 715-387-2731 or* *gslcwi.office@gmail.com**.*

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | **Deep Clean** |
| November 10 | Stuart & Christine Tipping | Richard Kopitzke | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | HeidiBinder |  | November:Dave & Shelly SchneiderBruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| November 17 | Ed & Ruth Raatz | AndreaHovick | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Pam Mundt | May Hill |
| November 24 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Jon Hill | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Jon Hill |
| December 1 | Dan & Pam Mundt | Leslie Mader | Bob & LaurelPeterson | Nancy Leonard | Heidi Binder | December:Dave & Sue SchraederAndrea Hovick |

The Wood County Elves Program will supply us with names of a family and children who need help making Christmas magic happen. A “giving tree” with gift wishes will be set up in the entry about Nov. 15th. Donations need to be returned to Good Shepherd by Dec. 6th

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SOS shelves are very low and they have been very busy. They are frequently serving 6 - 8 more families and individuals each afternoon they are open. The food list: Mac’n Cheese, Boxed Rice Meals, Canned Pasta Meals, Tuna, Canned Chicken. **Canned Stews, vegetables, and soup are especially needed**. There is a container in the entry for donations.  Thanks for your ongoing support.

Winter Wonderland at Wild Wood Zoo looking for musicians. The event runs Nov 29 to Dec 31. They are looking for musicians on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 6-8 pm. For more information, please contact Becky Huebner 705-305-6004.