

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

Pastor Kristen Anderson  
Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

25th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am

November 10, 2024

**Welcome to Worship at Trinity!**

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.

***Trinity Mission Statement***

*To proclaim God's grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.*

**Today's Worship Assistants**

**Lector:** Randy Benson

**Acolytes:** Elijah Butteris  
Axel Meek

**Videographer:** Nolan Pack

**Worship Band:** Shelly Brown  
Heather Eggler  
Colleen Fish  
Dave Jorstad

**Ushers:** Randy Benson  
Heath and Kathy Hegna

# New Members

Following today's worship service, you are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for a reception honoring our new members:

Jack & Ashley Crowson & Reid  
Tim & Terri Pickett  
David & Lynde Nelsen  
Avery Otterbein Nelson  
Trace Tebay



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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

Worship Band

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(\* Stand if able)

### \*GATHERING SONG

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.



One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.



### **\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **\*CONFESSION**

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.**

### **\*FORGIVENESS**

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.**

### **\*SONG OF PRAISE**

“Make Me An Instrument”

Make me an instrument of your love. Let me be a  
channel from above. Make me an instrument of your love,  
an instrument of your love.

When a friend is in need of an open heart  
let me be there, oh let me be there. When a friend is lost  
with nowhere to go, let me be there.



When some one is hungry, when someone is cold,  
let me be there, oh let me be there. When someone needs help to  
carry their load, let me be there.



If someone should wonder is God still alive  
let me be there, oh let me be there. If someone should wonder does  
God really care, let me be there.

### **\*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

### FIRST READING: .1 Kings 17:8-16

<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.

### PSALM: Psalm 146 (read responsively)

<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;**

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<sup>1</sup> 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**

<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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## **CHILDREN'S LESSON**

### **\*SONG OF THE WORD**

“Help Us O Lord”

Help us O Lord to hear your word,  
Open our hearts to feel your word.  
Give us the strength  
To live your word each day.



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

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you O Lord

<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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SONG OF THE DAY

"We Can Make A Difference"

**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**David Lee Brown  
Larry Olson  
Karol Baer

**\*OFFERING SONG**

**"Everybody's Got Something to Offer"**

**EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER**

Larry Olson

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old the  
 prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is  
 To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is  
 clear; we have all got a gift to give our hands,  
 true; we have all got a gift to give in all  
 our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got  
 we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SENDING**

**\*SENDING SONG**

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*OUR MISSION:**

**P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY WORSHIP:** The churches of the Hayfield area invite you to the annual community Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hayfield. During the service, we will receive an offering for Share Christmas.

### **CHOIR NEWS**

November 17 Choir will sing

December 1, 6:00 pm “Messiah” Choir rehearsal

December 8, 9:00 am “Messiah” presentation

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES** may be picked up on the table in the narthex.

### **JOIN US FOR UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

- **November 17, 11:30-1**, Make-Take-Bake Pumpkin Pie Event/  
Pumpkin Fest. Sign up using the QR code, by Thursday midday, so we know how many pie crusts to buy.
- **Save the date:** Afternoon of December 8, for a Christmas-story-costumed visit to Field Crest.
- Events are for students in grades 5-8.



### **VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE A WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

We're still looking for a few volunteers to provide a Wednesday Supper in November or December. Use the QR code to read more information and sign up, or talk with Denise if you'd rather not sign up online. Meals don't have to be elaborate! Signup for winter/spring will open in mid-December.



### **NOVEMBER TRINITY WOMEN THANKOFFERING**

Beginning in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted.

Today, Women of the ELCA collect more than \$1million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization. Thankofferings have always been , and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

An offering, marked THANKOFFERRING may be put into the offering plate this month, left in the church office, or given to Betty Moon. Let's begin putting our "Thankoffering Coins" in a special container for our November 2025 Thankoffering, to show our gratitude for God's blessings!

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*The mercy of God reaches out in unexpected ways.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

|                  |                            |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Mark 12:38-44</b>       | <b>The widow's generous offering</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>1 Kings 17:8-16</b>     | <b>Elijah helps a widow</b>            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Hebrews 9:24-28</b>     | <b>Christ's great sacrifice</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Luke 6:32-36</b>        | <b>Love for enemies</b>                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Deuteronomy 4:25-31</b> | <b>The Lord is merciful</b>            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Joel 2:12-14</b>        | <b>Return to the Lord</b>              |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Psalms 146</b>          | <b>Praise for God's help</b>           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Mark 13:1-8</b>         | <b>The signs of the end of the age</b> |

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"Go [God says to Elijah] now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."*

**1 Kings 17:9 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, your ways are not our ways; help us to be open to your surprising grace that reaches out to all through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, to you who made heaven and earth and give justice to those who are burdened, we give thanks for the gift of this food. In Jesus' name, amen. (Psalm 146:6-7)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you with mercy to share with others.



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**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



taking   
faith  
home

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What have you learned from someone who is from another country?
- Think or tell about someone you know from another faith tradition.

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* 1 Kings 17:8-16.

This story from the Old Testament is surprising. How can a man of God go to a poor, non-Hebrew widow, who is economically, religiously, and socially “marginalized”, and ask for help? To get to the heart of this message, understanding the background is helpful. King Ahab of Israel had married the foreign princess Jezebel from Sidon. She brought her Baal worship to Israel and tried to put an end to the worship of the God of Israel. As a result, there was fear of—and a distancing from—foreigners in portions of the Old Testament. The widow, like Jezebel, is from Sidon. Despite that, God directs Elijah to receive the aid of a woman, who is widowed, who is poor to the point of death, and who is a Baal worshiper. Elijah is fed and the widow receives miraculous assistance. This passage is a reminder that the grace and mercy of God is for all. We are to pray and look for that grace in unexpected places and for people who seem to be the furthest from God’s reign.

*Discuss:* How has someone from another faith tradition helped you understand your own faith better?

*Pray:* **Merciful God, just as you served Elijah through the work of a foreign widow, help us to be open to how you extend your grace and mercy through those unlike us. In Jesus’ name, amen.**

**SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you care for someone who seems ignored by others?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Generosity is giving to others freely and abundantly. Mark 12:38-44 is the story of a widow who gave two small coins, all that she had to live on, as an offering. In the same way that the widow gave to the Lord, we also should give. Money isn’t all that we can give. Generosity is the giving of time, talent, and treasure. Write a list of ways you can show generosity to others. Take a moment to talk about or reflect on your list.

*Pray:* **Dear God, as you have been generous and kind to me, help me to be generous and kind to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

|                 |                  |                            |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sun 10</b>   | <b>9:00am</b>    | Worship                    |
|                 | <b>10:00am</b>   | Sunday School              |
|                 | <b>10:00am</b>   | New Member Reception       |
| <b>Mon 11</b>   | <b>7:00pm</b>    | AA Meeting                 |
|                 | <b>7:00pm</b>    | Christian Ed Board         |
|                 | <b>7:00pm</b>    | Finance Board              |
| <b>Tues 12</b>  | <b>8:30am</b>    | SAIL Exercise              |
|                 | <b>10:00am</b>   | Bible Study                |
| <b>Wed 13</b>   | <b>3:00pm</b>    | WASS                       |
|                 | <b>5:00pm</b>    | Wed. Supper                |
|                 | <b>6:30pm</b>    | Confirmation               |
|                 | <b>6:30pm</b>    | Youth Group                |
| <b>Thurs 14</b> | <b>8:00am</b>    | SAIL Exercise              |
|                 | <b>9:00am</b>    | Quilting                   |
| <b>Sun 17</b>   | <b>9:00am</b>    | Worship                    |
|                 | <b>10:00am</b>   | Sunday School              |
|                 | <b>11:30-1pm</b> | Middle School Pumpkin Fest |

### September 2024 Finances

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sept Offering Income     | \$22,209.00       |
| Sept Budgeted Exp        | <u>17,348.95</u>  |
| Difference               | \$ 4,860.05       |
| 2024 Year-to-date Income | \$191,216.90      |
| 2024 Year-to-date Exp.   | <u>225,763.97</u> |
| Difference               | (\$ 34,547.07)    |

### Recent Attendance

October 13—138  
October 20—89  
October 27—180  
November 3—164

## Prayer Concerns

**For strength and healing:** Carol Anderson, Margaret Becker, Kathy Blanchard, Russ Boullion, Linda Koski, Skeeter and Shirley Miner, and Arlan Scharberg

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