

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**November 10,  
2024**

**25th  
Sunday after  
PENTECOST  
Lectionary 32**

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"THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT MORE  
INTO THE TREASURY THAN  
ALL THE OTHERS.



**Mark 12:43-44**

THEY ALL GAVE OUT OF THEIR WEALTH,  
BUT SHE, OUT OF HER POVERTY,  
PUT IN EVERYTHING."

# TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—LECTION 32

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM NOVEMBER 10, 2024



**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL!** *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

### GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *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.*

#### PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL



#### REGARDING THE CALL OF PASTOR DAVID NISSEN

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## 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.**

## PSALM 146

*The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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

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

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
 and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**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.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
 the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all  
 generations. Hallelujah!**

## 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.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

The first reading is in 1 Kings chapter 17, verses 8-16. This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

*Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. 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." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 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." 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. 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." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 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.*

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

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 9:24-48**

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 9, verses 24-48. The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

*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. 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; 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. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the 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.*

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



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord."**

*As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."*

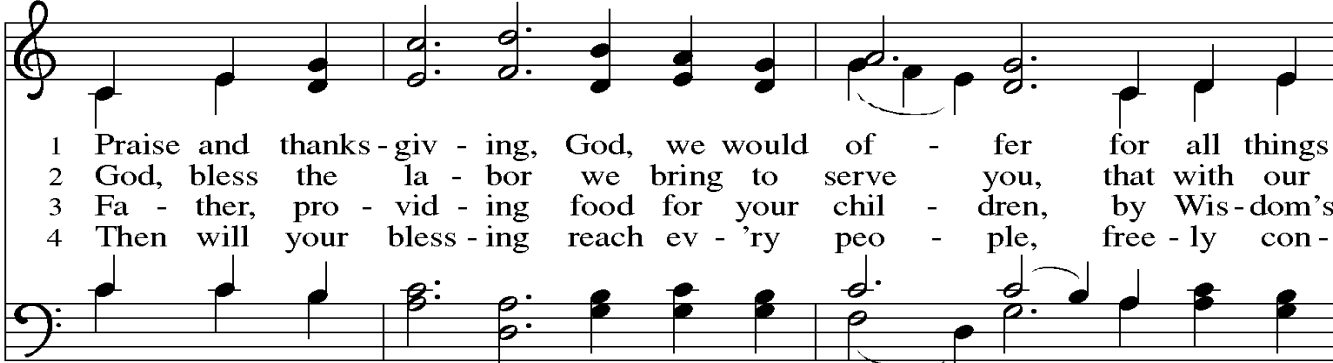
*He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 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."*



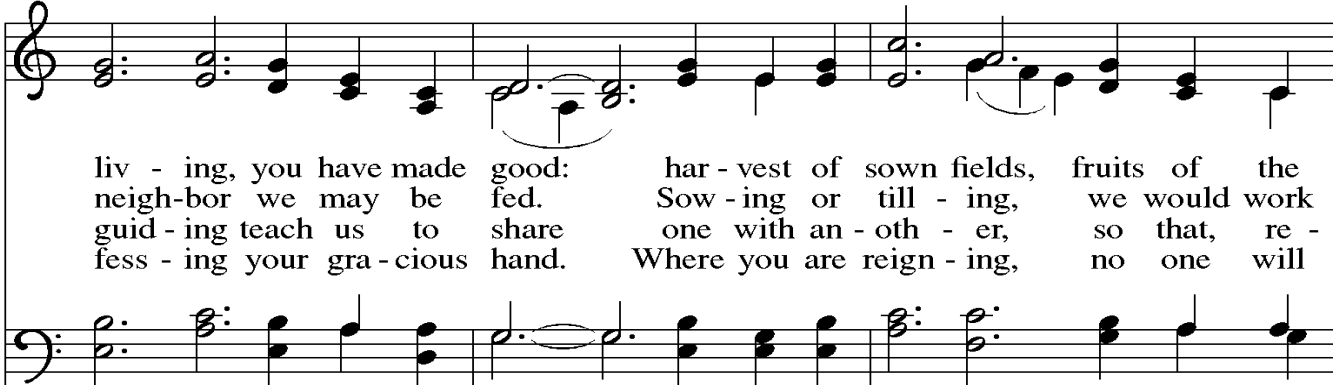
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

## 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

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

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Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** respond after God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

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# THANKSGIVING

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## OFFERING

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW #679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:  
**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.**

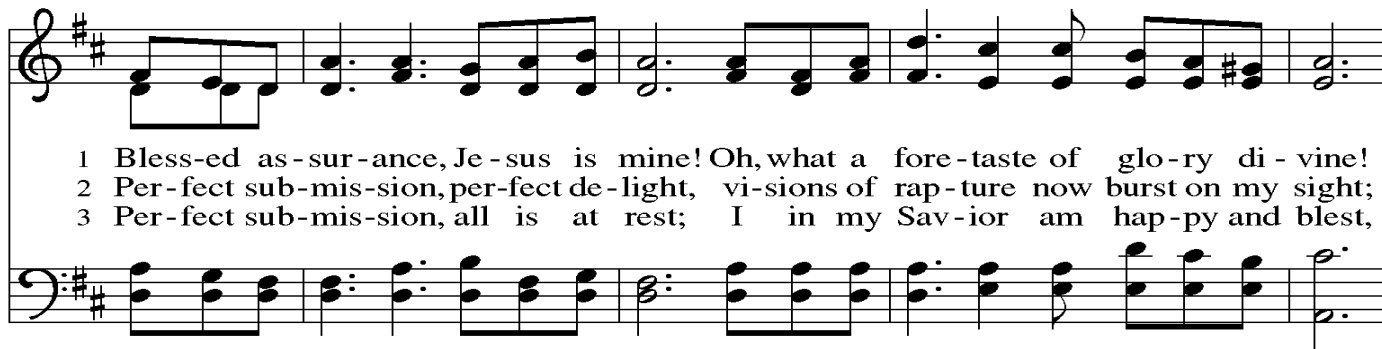
**VOTE ON PASTOR DAVID NISSEN**

**SENDING**

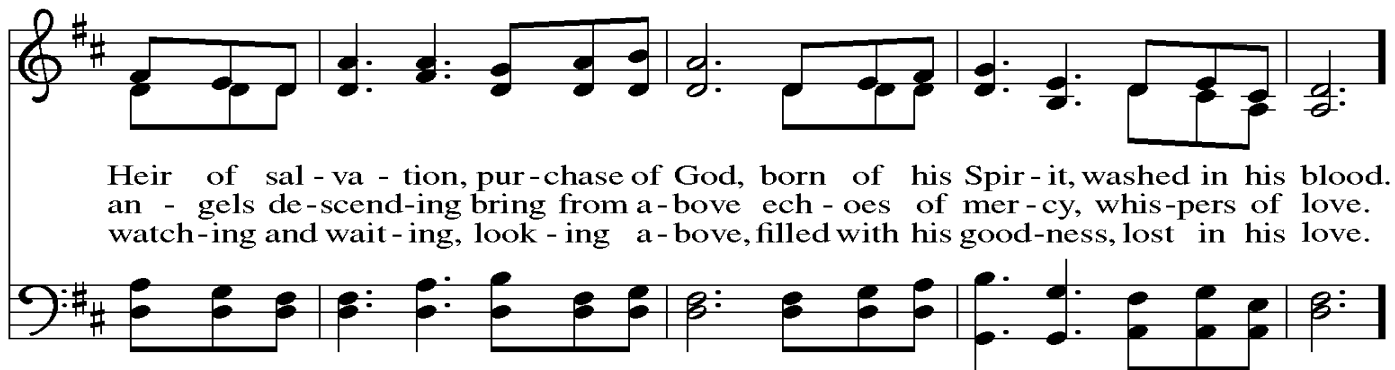
**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**





1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY 9:00am Worship	
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson
Acolyte	Braylon Nelson
Readers	Phyllis Kleven
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Connie Johnson
Ushers	Keith Lendt, Dennis Mangen
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Nicole Jensen



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS** –During the month of November, we think of our abundance and willingness to share with others less fortunate. For this reason, the Board of Stewardship designates the Thanksgiving Eve offering to ELCA World Hunger. Gifts are accepted for this initiative to the end of the year.

The second special offering that is usually emphasized in November is the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. These funds are all sent into the churchwide office to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Blue envelopes will be placed in narthex mailboxes—however, you may also use your regular offering envelopes by designating “Thankoffering” on the special giving line... Thank you for any and all gifts!



**Board Directors are reminded to submit their proposed budget by November 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**The St John Lutheran Home Auxiliary Annual Meeting will be held Monday, November 11, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Chapel. Devotions, Business, Election of officers, and coffee served. All invited!**

**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



*Unfortunately, we do not have enough hostesses for the Advent Dinner. Several of the families which usually host have family obligations this year. We will try again next year.*



***There is a Congregational Meeting today to vote on the Call of Pastor Dave Nissen during Worship.***

*Hello Trinity Lutheran Church,*

*I am Pastor Dave Nissen. I love fishing, reading, music (playing/singing and listening to), spending time with family and friends, and doing the work of the church. I grew up in an ELCA congregation in Hutchinson, Minnesota where I learned, grew, and eventually started to lead. I loved teaching Sunday School and Confirmation, helping to lead the Youth Group, and going on mission trips. This congregation, Christ the King, is where I preached my first sermon and truly felt at home in the pulpit.*



*While I was a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, I was presented with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Letters and Papers from Prison." In this book I found my call to ordained ministry in service of God and the Gospel. I changed my focus from medicine to ministry. This had been a longtime coming, but my professor and mentor, Paul Lutter, helped me to see this calling. Since then my sense of call has grown because of my exposure to ministry.*

*During my Clinical Pastor Education (CPE) at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee, Minnesota, I found my love for pastoral care. This helped to show me how much I loved ministry. Also, during my internship, I found how much I loved being in a parish. I enjoyed supply preaching before, but on internship I saw how dedicated relationships improve and change ministries.*

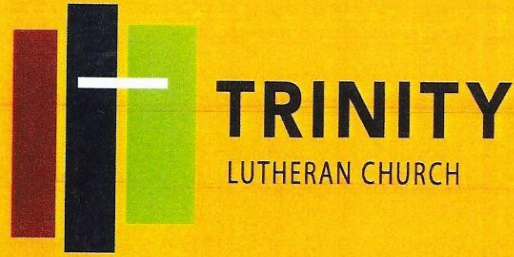
*That being said, I also loved my time in school. I spent a lot of my undergrad learning Ancient Greek and Latin. I have always loved languages and to read the Bible in Greek or the Early Church Fathers in Latin still excites me. I enjoy bringing the classical languages to a place where they can be relevant to our daily lives.*

*For my personal spiritual care nothing is better than fly fishing, playing guitar or ukulele and wood working. Fly fishing slows me down and lets me dwell in God's wondrous creation. Playing guitar lets me be creative and soothes my stress. I always love learning new things and picking up other instruments gives me a creative outlet to challenge my brain. My goal in life is to be mediocre on at least 10 instruments. I have loved the focus required for woodworking and the accomplished feeling of completing a project that turns into something useful and beautiful.*

*I believe one of the most important things to know about me is that I am a husband and a father. I have been married to my wife, Alyssa, for over 10 years and she has always been a source of hope and light for me. She has pushed me to grow as a person and to work on improving myself, all while loving me as I love her. I have 2 children, Theo (5 years old) and Eloise (2 years old). They have helped me to understand what the love of God our Father means. They are constant points of inspiration for me and I love them with all my heart!*

*Blessings and peace,  
Pr. Dave Nissen*





## Join us for Fellowship and Touchdowns!

The Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Board is inviting you to join us in a

*watch party for the*



## VIKINGS **VS.** JAGUARS

# NOVEMBER 10TH

# GAME STARTING AT NOON

We will be holding this event at the Dawg Haus, in Sleepy Eye.

Come early before the game to have lunch before cheering on the Vikings.

The Fellowship Board will have some snacks provided to eat during the game.

## It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids. There are those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. This school year we have a record number of children in our Weekend Food Program and a record number of families are at risk for hunger on the weekends. We are asking you to shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 56 children on weekends from 40 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school. Our FFA students will provide a fleece blanket for each family as well as personal care products for each family.



### Here's what to do:

- 1. Sign out a Christmas food box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 17th. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.**
- 2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.**
- 3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 8th.**
- 4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!**

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt, Sandy Beito, Kari Schmidt and Sarah Lendt



*Thanksgiving Eve*  
WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 PM



**OUR PIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW  
THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE.  
PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A PIE  
TO SHARE. THANK YOU**



**November 10, 2024**

## **God cares for the poor and needy.**

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering
Monday	Psalm 10:12-18	God defends the oppressed
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 10:12-19	God defends the widow
Wednesday	Acts 6:1-7	The church cares for widows
Thursday	1 Timothy 5:1-8	Take care of widows in need
Friday	James 1:27 – 2:8	Look after orphans and widows
Saturday	Psalm 41:1-3	God blesses those who care for the poor
Sunday	Mark 13:1-8	Signs of the end of the age



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

**The Lord watches over the outsiders who live in our land. God takes good care of children whose fathers have died. The Lord takes good care of widows.** Psalm 146:9

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for watching over us. Please take care of all who are in need. Amen. (Psalm 146:7-10)

Mealtime Prayer:

Happy are those who hope in God. The Lord feeds the hungry and cares for the poor. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 146:1,5,7-10)

A Blessing to Give:

May God provide you with everything you need. May God's care for you inspire you to care for others. Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you needed someone else to help you. What happened?
- Identify the people in your community who are poorer than others. What are some reasons for this?
- Psalm 146:7 says that God "*stands up for those who are beaten down and gives food to hungry people.*"

As God's people, how can we care for those who are poor?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Look out for news stories this week about people who are poor or in need. Make a point of praying for these people as part of your home devotion times this week. You may also wish to use the following "Prayer for the Poor."

Jesus, You are the Word - to be spoken; The Truth - to be told; The Way - to be walked; The Light - to be shone; The Joy - to be shared; The Bread of Life - to be given; The Hungry - to be fed; The Naked - to be clothed; The Homeless - to be taken in; The Sick - to be healed; The Lonely - to be loved;

The Unwanted - to be wanted; The Little One - to be embraced.

Lord Jesus, you are with the poor and needy around us. Help us to be your hands, feet and voice to them. Amen.

### **SERVICE**

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us about a widow who gave two small coins, sometimes called mites. A mite box is used to save coins for charitable purposes. Set up a jar or box in your home as your household mite box. Throughout the year, place your loose change. Talk together about where you will donate what is collected.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

November 11 is observed as Veterans Day in the USA, and Remembrance Day or Armistice Day in other countries. On this day, 94 years ago, World War I officially ended. It is tradition to observe a minute of silence in memory and honor of those who lost their lives in military conflicts. Gather as a household and observe a minute of silence. Pray for the relatives of those who have lost loved ones in wars and for peace between nations.

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***Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions***



## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	130
Church School & Confirmation	69
Website	39
Bible Studies Attendance:	9+6 = 15
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$5993.23
October Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$21,118.09
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$198,848.97
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$252,110.00

**We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!**

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

*Pray for Trinity*...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

*Pray for the Church*...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

*Pray for our World*...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

*Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering*...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Greg, Sheila, Linda, Grazie, Sandy, Larry, Krista, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Nancy, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, John, Lois, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

*Pray for the beloved*... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones, especially Sue and Matt Pedersen and the family and friends of her husband, **Wade**.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....


*Pray for all families*...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

*Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home*...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

*Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)*...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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A scenic landscape featuring a calm pond in the foreground, surrounded by tall, dry reeds and grasses. In the background, there are bare trees and a soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. The sky is filled with light, wispy clouds.

He has appeared  
**ONCE FOR ALL**  
at the end  
of the ages  
to put away sin  
by the sacrifice  
of himself.

HEBREWS 9:26