

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost,

Lectionary 32, Year B



Please welcome Bob Henning as he leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

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.

Please stand if able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

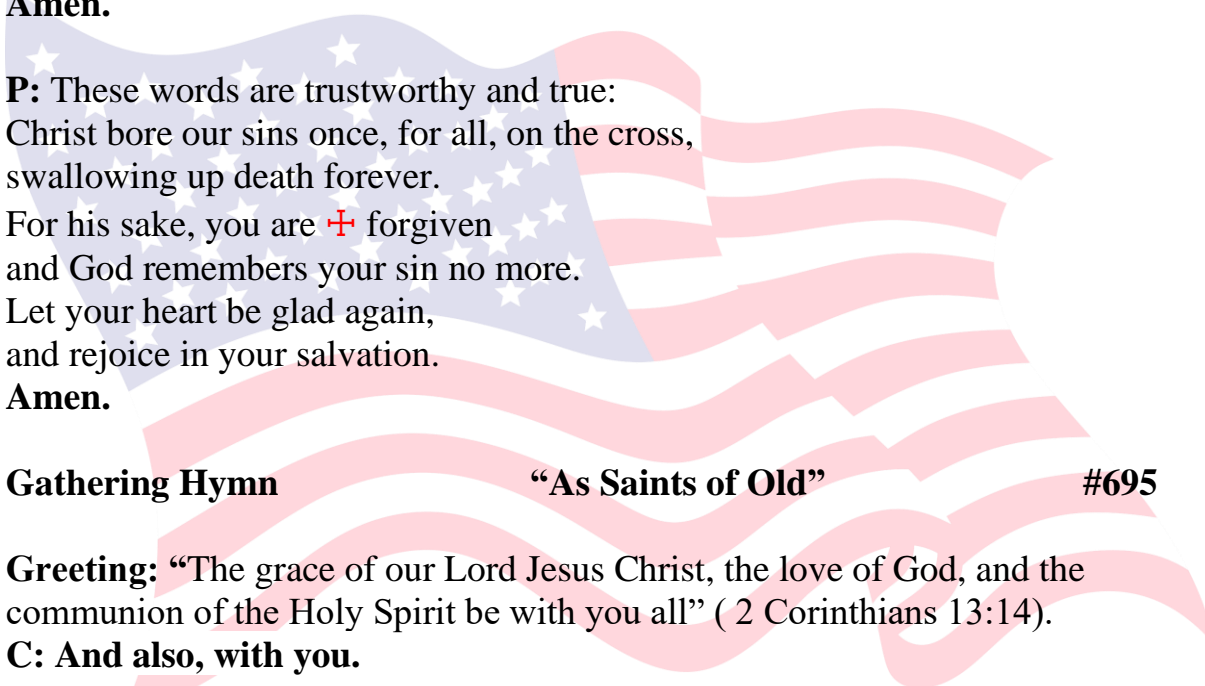
Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
C: 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.**



P: 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.

Gathering Hymn

“As Saints of Old”

#695

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C: And also, with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Please be seated.

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 afterwards 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.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 146

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 146

¹ Hal- | lelujah!

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 re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish. R

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. R

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! R

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 age 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.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434

Message

Bob Henning

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Day by Day”

#790

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Adam Doede

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

After "Merciful God," please respond with "receive our prayer."

A brief silence.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

#692

The usher will bring up the offering plate, bread and wine.

Honoring our Veterans

A Prayer for our Vets (Please pray with me)

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their family and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Immanuel's Vets

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

Benediction – Hebrews 13: 20-21

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

#638

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ..

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 11/3/2024: 30

Prayer Concerns: Please pray for Gary McCutcheon brother of Jackie Loos for healing after surgery and safe travels to/from Madison, WI. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Bob Henning

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z

Reader: Adam Doede

Usher: Bob Doede

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

Welcome to Immanuel! We've been waiting for you! If you are interested in becoming a member here, please stop and pick up one of our Welcome packets on the table in the Narthex.

We are eager to know you and we're excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church.

Immanuel: Open for Business...(God's Business)



If you haven't returned your stewardship "estimate of giving 2025" card, it's time to get down to business, your stewardship business, and turn it in. There is still time. Your cooperation is appreciated! It is a great help to the church council in planning the 2025 budget. Thank you to all of you who have turned their cards in. Your stewardship committee: *Rick Lohr, Jim Stolen, Neil Minson, Doug Helling, and Bruce Knox*

From the Church Office... The following devotional is now available: Large and small print Christ in Our Home and large print Portals of Prayer for January, February and March 2025.

It is that time of year! Time to start thinking about Christmas, and that means it's time for Poinsettias! Let's beautify our church for the holiday season. The order form is on the Narthex entry table. There are three choices: Red, Red Glitter and White. 4" pot is \$7 and 6" pot is \$11. Orders must be placed by Sunday, November 10, 2024.



We have been invited to the following Christmas Services:

- **December 24, 2024** Christmas Eve Service (2pm) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau, WI 54403
- **December 24, 2024** Christmas Eve Service (10pm) at St Stephen Lutheran Church, 512 McClellan Street, Wausau, WI 54403
- **December 25, 2024** Combined Christmas Day Service (10am) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau, WI 54403

Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.