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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

Setting 8 & 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

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.

(8:00) Prelude: *He Will Carry You* **Scott Wesley Brown**

(10:30) Prelude: *Come Ye Thankful People Come* **Martha Sobaje**

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

***(8:00) Gathering Song:** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* **BOB 232**

***(10:30) Gathering Song:** *We Praise You, O God* **ELW 870**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***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.

*Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

- P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*
- P: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the
poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*
- P: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*
- P. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the
Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: 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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

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.

R: A reading from 1st Kings, the 17th chapter.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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**

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.

R: A reading from Hebrews, the 9th chapter.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel**

Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

R: A reading from Mark, the 12th chapter.

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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Cheryl Paeth

Sermon

Cheryl Paeth

***Sermon Hymn:**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

***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 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**

R: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

R: Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end and pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for people to be named)*. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

R: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(10:30) Sr. Choir: *My Blessed Savior*

T. Birchwood

Offering *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks.

R: As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our thankoffering.

***Offering Prayer**

R: God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied.

C: **Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

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

**C: 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

P: Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!" Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten- free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let Pastor Tim know and he will offer a blessing.

(8:00) Flute Solo: *Without Love...We Have Nothing*
Joseph M Martin & James M Stevens

Communion Hymns:

(10:30) ELW 823 *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

(10:30) ELW 624 *Jesus Still Lead On*

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* **ELW 888**

***Dismissal**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

(8:00) Postlude: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*
(10:30) Postlude: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* **John Barr**

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FAMILY OF CHRIST, WELCOME TO WORSHIP! May you sense Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND – The Air Conditioning Fund is being closed. Please direct your funds to another of our needed areas. Thank you.

FUNDS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ON THE “SPECIAL” LINE OF YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Food Pantry	Habitat for Humanity	Heintz Memorial Fund
Share 'N Care	Initial	Pastor's Helping Hand
Memorials	Liberty Center	Tanzania Scholarships
Faith Youth	Sunday School	Music Enhancement Fund
Endowment	Community Outreach	Thanksgiving Offering
Card Ministry	New Housing Ohio	Women's Thankoffering
Sound System	Christmas Offerings	Ash Wednesday
Lenten	Maundy Thursday	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Christ Care	Faith Fellowship Club	
FLCW Fellowship & Service (sewing ladies)		
Handicap Accessibility Updates		

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER OUT will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings in their party room. You will be ordering from the menu and can get a burger or large salad for \$10 to \$13. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Bulletin Board in the coat room area. Please consider joining us for this festive night out.



FAITH LUTHERAN WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING SUNDAY is today, November 10th, 2024, at both services. Cheryl Paeth will be sharing the sermon and we will also honor our veterans by recognizing them today. Please pick up your Thank offering envelope in the Narthex for our special offering and put it in the special basket there. Thank you.

THE WOMEN WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS for the Sandusky County Food Pantry all during the month of November as part of our Thank Offering donations. Thank you.

SHOEBOXES SHIPPING – You may give your \$10 for the shoebox shipping charge to the church to send in if you'd like (others have). Please put it in a separate envelope with your name on it, not with your regular offering. Thank you.



IF MY PEOPLE – As our prayer group gathers we have our conversations with God, praising him, offering thanks for all he is and all he does and putting our cares and concerns before Him. One of those concerns is this country of ours and the cares of the entire world. We ask that you join us in a 40 day prayer journey for our leaders and the future of

our country, using the 'If My People' devotional.

“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

These devotionals will be distributed on Sunday mornings at worship and will be available on the shelf in the narthex. We hope that you will pray with us as we continue our faith journey. Blessings to you.

NEW ADDRESS – Millie Fetterman is now living at Elmwood Assisted Living. Her new address is 1545 Fangboner Rd., Room 102, Fremont, OH 43420. Phone number remains the same.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

FREMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE! - The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to participate in the Christmas Parade in Fremont this year, which will be on Saturday, December 7th at 6 p.m. in Downtown Fremont. We would like help in planning / building a float / walking in the parade. There is a sign-up sheet in the coat area - please sign up and indicate your interest. If you can't walk in the parade, but would like to help plan - SIGN UP! If you can't plan, but would like to be involved in the parade - SIGN UP! Thank you!

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS is studying the importance of making time for God using the Impact Video Series. We meet in Room 8 on Sundays, and start around 9:30 a.m., giving you plenty of time to have some breakfast!.

THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKY RIDGE, invite the ladies of your congregation to join us on Saturday, November 30, at 9:30 AM, as we gather for our 27th Annual Advent Brunch. Enjoy a morning of reflection, songs, and flute music, all centered around stars. After the program, join us for fellowship and a delicious brunch. This year's Brunch proceeds after expenses will go to benefit the Todd Hablitzel Do-It-Best for BCS fund, which will support families in the Benton-Carroll-Salem School District who are facing the challenges of cancer. Reservations of \$10, along with names of those attending, may be sent **by November 17th** to Ann Schimming, 12351 W. State Route 105, Oak Harbor, OH 43449. Seating is limited, so please reserve your place soon.

TERRA COMMUNITY CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Faith Lutheran Church Women's Group are honored and blessed to Welcome back the Terra Choral Choir on **Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome** to come and enjoy beautiful voices as well as light refreshments to prepare us for the upcoming Christmas Season. The women would welcome your help in providing cookies and brownies for this event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

CONCERT will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St., Fremont, on **Friday, December 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased at Grace Lutheran Church Office Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$10; Seniors (65 & Over) \$8; Students (18 & Under) \$5. Cash or Check only.

GIBSONBURG COMMUNITY CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held at

795 W. Madison St., on **Sunday, November 10th** from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine in or Carryout. Adults - \$10; Seniors/Children under 10 - \$8 Meal includes: Homemade spaghetti sauce along with homemade meatballs, Vegetable, Breadstick and a Brownie.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA – Trinity United Methodist Church, 204 N. Wayne St., Fremont will have a Craft Show on **Saturday, November 16th, from 10 am to 4 pm.** Unique handcrafted items made by local small businesses, plus Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Paparazzi, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple and So Much More! Admission is a Toiletry for the Blessings Closet or \$2.00. Bake Sale Proceeds will go to Trinity Church and the Blessings Closet.

TASTE OF THE SEASON DINNER AND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT featuring the music of the Fremont Ross Choir along with other seasonal musical talents will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 204 N. Wayne Street, Fremont on **Sunday, December 8th.** Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public (a good-will offering is taken and donated). Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and will feature: Appetizers, Homemade Soup, Veal Cutlet Parmesan, Baked Pasta, Vegetable, Cheesecake Toll-house Dessert, and Beverage. Dinner tickets are \$16.00 and you may call Terri at 419-332-8167 for dinner reservations/tickets. Deadline for reservations is December 1st, 2024.

PORTAGE VALLEY FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN MEN AND PASTORS will hold their Annual Fall Meeting on **November 12th** at the Luther Home of Mercy Day Program Genesis Community Center, 4400 Woodville Rd., Northwood, OH 43469. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Dave Baker, Oak Harbor, will talk about “The History of Hymns” and we will sing hymns and learn their history.

ASSISTING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Preaching:** Cheryl Paeth

Organist: Parm Boyer **Pianist:** Becky Fox

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown **Flautist:** Marilyn Ring

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Paeth Family Jamie & Minnie Weber

Lector: Lillian Harder Rachel Wasserman

Acolyte: Lillian Harder Rachel Wasserman

Communion: K. Paeth/A. Miller Darla Brown & Amy Wagner

Counters: Niki Wasserman* & Nicole Weiker

Fellowship Time Host:

Altar Guild: Bonnie Overmyer & Debra Fahle

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Parm Boyer

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Bill & Ruth Ann Seibert Gary & Mary Lou Cooper

Lector: Becky Fox Julia Norris

Acolyte: Easton Root Julia Norris

Communion: Becky Fox/J Seibert Carol Trick/Randy Brown

Counters: Dave Kocsis* & Judi Neill

Fellowship Time Host:

Altar Guild: Bonnie Overmyer & Debra Fahle

PRAYING DAILY



For healing and hope: Pat Copley, Connie Diekman, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Bill Leutenegger, Stan Moyer, Nancy Mylander, Letty Rusch, Bob Schneider, Dorothy Swedersky, Janet Tressler, Carnetta Weber, Linda Woessner, Jay Kinchy, Al & Judi Krumnow, LuAnn Sharp, Rose Wensinger.

For the Family of: Nancy Roach, Tonya Ickes

For our Military: Noah Egbert, Troy Halfhill, Jade Kayser, Daniel Linder, Katie Olmstead, Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

For our Bishops: Bishop Christian Ndossa, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – Nov. 10 to Nov. 17

Sunday WOMEN’S THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

Nov. 10-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

Monday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 11-----8 a.m. Men’s Group, Fellowship Hall
 10 a.m. Valley View Tea Time
 11:30 a.m. FLCW Visitation at Bob Evans
 7:30 p.m. Dartball at Away vs. St. John’s

Tuesday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 12-----7 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 13-----6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Praise Choir
 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 14-----3 p.m. Christ Care

Friday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 15-----

Saturday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 16-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday Pastor’s Vacation

Nov. 17-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024: ATTENDANCE: 163 – OFFERING: \$4,060.00

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 10, 2024

God's Generosity Brings New Life

As we cross a busy street, a stranger's cry of "WATCH OUT!" will certainly send our heart racing. Such an outburst may not be what we expect to hear, but it is the warning needed for us to get out of the way of an approaching threat. Jesus catches our attention with a similar word today: "Beware." Beware the violence of a system that devours widows' houses while hiding behind prayers and piety; there is danger here! But this is not the only relationship Jesus urges his followers to pay attention to today. He also invites them to be aware of how one widow in their community is responding: she gives—and gives generously. What might that mean for us?

God gives generously too. We often talk about God's generosity being rooted in God's love for us. From the moment we were baptized, we have been reminded of such love that goes with us through death and into the new life God brings. This love takes seriously all the things that tear apart our lives and world—and pays attention to where healing and repair might take hold.

God is always rooting *for us*, and we trust that Christ's resurrection life will bring us through hardships when death has done its worst. What a gift it is to be gathered into the worshiping community week after week, to again be centered around Christ's table and its generous promises of grace that renew us and make us whole: "The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you." This is generosity! This is new life!

Yet we do not stay at the table. We are sent from it, together. Where do we go from here? Where might we share such grace and love this week? Perhaps not only "Beware" but also "Be aware" are our invitations to generosity as Jesus draws our attention to all the important relationships around us.