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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**November 6 & 10, 2024**

**The Lord Freely Feeds and Provides for Us with Everything He Has**

Those who contribute “large sums” from “out of their abundance” have done very little. They cannot purchase God’s favor with their money. But the “poor widow” with her two small coins, who “out of her poverty has put in everything she had,” entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah “for many days,” as well as herself and her household, “according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah” (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. “By the sacrifice of himself,” by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered “into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf” (Heb. 9:24–26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us.

**The Lord’s Supper is offered today at Zion.** Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord’s Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no “offering” plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD’S HOUSE**

Everlasting God, you did not hesitate to give your all for us. Awaken in us the desire to give our all for you and for your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, your greatest gift, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB #790

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** Page 203

### **Introit**

### **Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup>*Praise the Lord!*

**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 princes,*

**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>*When his breath departs he returns to the earth;*

**on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>*Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,*

**whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

<sup>6</sup>*who made heaven and earth,*

**the sea, and all that is in them,**

*who keeps faith forever;*

<sup>7</sup>**who executes justice for the oppressed,**

**who gives food to the hungry.**

*The Lord sets the prisoners free;*

<sup>8</sup>**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;*

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>*The Lord watches over the sojourners;*

**he upholds the widow and the fatherless,**

**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>*The Lord will reign forever,*

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

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**Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

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

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

**APOSTLES' CREED:** Page 207

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "The Temple Rang with Golden Coins" *LSB #787*

**RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**

**SERMON:** "Giving into Uncertainty" Mark 12:38-44

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** (See Prayer List on Page 6 of Bulletin)

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**DISTRIBUTION:** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" *LSB #623*  
"All Depends on Our Possessing" *LSB #732*  
"For the Fruits of His Creation" *LSB # 894*

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**CLOSING:** "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" *LSB #782*

## **Our Lord's Current Business**

**Family of Christ, welcome to worship!** May you sense Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love. With the psalmist, I praise you, Lord: giver of justice, sustenance, freedom, vision, encouragement, care. (Psalm 146:7-9)

**Heartfelt "Thank You"** to Al & Donna Parker for sponsorship of the bulletin in honor of their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

**Veteran's Wall of Honor** - we thank those who contributed to this tribute. God uses His people in many different ways, and we thank those who have served our country. We thank God for the services of His people.

### **Confirmation Corner**

**11/10** This week we begin a study of the first article of the Apostles' Creed. "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." The memory work of this week explains what we will be focusing on "I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

**Sr. High Youth** - Put Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 4:00 p.m. on your calendar. The plan is to work on our fundraiser of wreaths and porch pots. As we get closer, more details will be published, but for now have this date on your radar!

**Adult Choir** - We are beginning to practice songs for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. What a beautiful time of year to join your voices with fellow Christians! We meet every Thursday from 6:30-7:30. We would love to have you come! If you have any questions, please contact Jane Reineke.

**Monday Night Bible Study** will meet each Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

**Quilters** are in need of fabric and flat sheets, queen size or larger. Please share if you have any for them to continue with their beautiful work. The sheets can be given to any quilter or brought to the office. Thank you in advance.

**Sunday School** - Today we will be talking about how God loves His people. We will begin practicing for our Christmas service in the coming weeks! The children will help lead our service on December 15 as we prepare to welcome our Savior Jesus. We meet at 10:30 in the basement gathering space for songs and learning!

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** - Today, Nov. 10 at 10:30, we will be looking at session 2 of "A Man Named Martin". This week's session will focus on what Luther learned as he started studying Scripture and the original (Greek) language. We will see the importance of God's Word in His life and ours and how it can change hearts and minds.

**Luke 3:11 box** is once again under the Lobby window. Please share extra gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, socks, hats, gloves, mittens and blankets/quilts.. They are also collecting personal hygiene items; Tooth brush/paste, shampoo, soap and deodorant. Please give only items on the list. Thank you.

**Sisters in Christ Crafting Event** in our Fellowship Hall, Saturday November 9 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

**Thanksgiving Services** will be on Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m., the night before Thanksgiving.

**National Youth Gathering** - November 1, our official youth gathering registration forms were mailed in. We currently have 6 youth and 4 adults signed up to attend the Gathering in July. Please put them and the Gathering itself on your prayer list as preparations begin.

**Pastoral Call issued** - On November 3, our Voter's Assembly voted to issue a Divine Call to Pastor Adam Finney who is currently serving in Vernon Center MN, We have been in contact with Pastor Finney to let him know of our congregation's desire to have him Shepherd the people of Zion. We pray for Pastor Finney, his family, his current congregation and Zion that God's will might be done in this process. Pastor Finney notified Pastor Wessel on Sunday, November 3rd that he will agree to receiving the Call from Zion. This doesn't mean that he's accepted the Call, but it's a start. Again, please keep Pastor Finney and his current congregation in your prayers.

**Volunteers Needed:** Zion will be hosting the next Sharing Table on November 13th. The dinner is in memory of Iris Baudendistel and sponsored by Spring Meadow Farm/the Heck's. A lot of assistance is needed in order to feed 150 people, there are jobs for all ages and abilities. Please autograph a spot on the signup list in the Resource Room and plan to join in on the fun November 13th!

**Zion is in need of a committee** that will plan future Sharing Table meals. The committee would be tasked with planning a meal and finding volunteers to make it a success. Volunteers for all aspects of the Sharing Table have never been a problem. The members of Zion are very willing to help. We simply need a group to organize three events a year. The meals are expected to be easy to prepare, like soup and sandwiches as the budget per meal is \$300.00. The burden has been on the

Ladies Society since the Sharing Table returned after Covid 19. Zion is obligated to provide meals in February and May 2025. The new committee will plan the February Sharing Table. Please contact John Schultz if you have any questions or would like to be on the committee.

## **Our Lord's On-Going Business**

**Quilters** meet each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. Feel free to stop for a few minutes to visit or to help. If coming for the day, bring a lunch for yourself.

**Thanksgiving cards & napkins** are located in our Resource Center. Single purchase cards and other boxed cards all with Christian sentiments. This is a service of your Zion Ladies Society (not a money maker) so we keep the prices low. *Puzzles* are also available year around for your downtime pleasure.

### **ZION'S PRAYER LIST:**

**The call process** here at Zion-also Pastor Adam Finney and his church for guidance on decisions being God's Will.

**For those seeking healing:** Julie Dobson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Stella, Luther Larson, Emily Woodworth, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Scott Anderson, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, Marvin Stay, Lois Stay, David Bloss, Jean Fleming, Jean Sandberg.

**Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays:** Payton Loomis, Tenley Ronnei, Barb Wright(Crank), Tom Leasum, Kayden Buttke.

**Thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries:** Dennis & Cindy Ring.

*\*LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (.), the office, or Pastor. You may also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*

**Large print hymnals** are available for use during our services here at Zion. They are in the Narthex on the Table. There is a sign above their location.



**OUR WEEK'S WORK**  
**November 11-17, 2024)**

MON.	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting	
WEDS.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Sharing Table (Zion)	4:30 p.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THUR.	MACA	12:00 a.m.
	Ladies Society	1:00 p.m.
	Church Council	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
FRI.	BASIC Deadline	
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



**A Stewardship Thought**

**Mark 12:44** – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.



**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK**

Attendance: Weds.	26	Sunday 112
	Sunday School	13
General Offering:	\$	3732.75
TIM	\$	50.00
Labor of Love	\$	20.00
German Valley Cemetery	\$	35.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	205,515.64
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	222,108.18
Expenses EOM-YTD	\$	217,193.00



**SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**(November 6 & 10, 2024)**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Mike Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Ken Blodgett	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Diane Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Kathy Blodgett	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Brenna Vollmer	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Becca Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Jake Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Wendi Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	John Schultz	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Finance:	Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson		
Altar Guild:	Rina Ashwell, Julie Loscheider and Emily Benning.		



**SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**(November 13 & 17, 2024)**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Larry Anderson	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Butch Waldbillig	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Jeanne Anderson	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Cheryl Anibas	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Aubrey Wittig	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Arabella Wittig	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Calvin Olson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Matt Triggs	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Corpuz Family	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Julie Kacures	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Finance:	Margaret Ronnei & Brenda McKissick		
Altar Guild:	Rina Ashwell, Julie Loscheider and Emily Benning.		