

Sunday, November 11th, 2012
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
PRAISE TEAM



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Give Thanks”

CCLI # 20285

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

And now let the weak say, “I am strong, let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

Give thanks. Give thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

742 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** Let us be honest with ourselves, our God, and with each other and confess our sins in order that we might receive the forgiveness of God and experience the joy of the community of Christ.

God, we sin by what we think, what we say and what we do. We continue to pull away from you even though you love us with an everlasting love. Today in worship, we recognize our failures and our weaknesses. We confess our sins of omission and commission. We confess we do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We come to you now, as brothers and sisters in Christ, who need your power and forgiveness.

In the name of Jesus, the Christ, I speak his word to you: "I belong to you as you belong to me. I am one of you, I know you. I died and rose for you so your sin might be forgiven. I feel what you feel and I live through your life. I forgive your wrongs and with that forgiveness give you power to change your condition as you live lives which are pleasing in my sight."

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM: "Jesus My Lord"

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.

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.

PSALM: Psalm 146

Refrain: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

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. R

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. R

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! R

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.

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."

SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG: "Change My Heart, O God"

801 ELW

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

In loving response to your gracious blessing, we come with the offering of our time and treasure. May these gifts bring hope and healing to a world in need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A time for silent prayer.

God of our salvation, strengthen your church in its witness to your redeeming grace and inspire it to feed a hungry world with the bread of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, creator of the stars of heaven, innumerable galaxies shine with your glory.

Keep the universe in your continual care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, we give thanks for those who sacrificed their bodies and lives for the sake of peace. Bring an end to all hostilities and war and increase cooperation among the people of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Set free those who live in poverty, grieve loved ones, lie close to death, or suffer with illness (*especially*). Support their caregivers and strengthen them in body and spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Create in us grateful hearts to offer joyfully the good gifts you have given us for the sake of the church's mission and the care of those in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be made.

We praise you for the witness of the saints and await, with them, the fulfillment of your resurrection promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)

BLESSING/ DISMISSAL

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine"

774 ELW

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11TH, 2012

Music: Led by the Praise Team
Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland
Ushers: 8:30 Dick & Sandy Pullen, 10:00 Marilyn Andrews, Judy Seifert
Lectors: 8:30 Lynn Hansen, 10:00 Val Benton
Coffee Servers: Steve & Mary Long, Gale Rolek

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (11/4/12)

Attendance: 8:30 – 79 10:00 – 51

Offering: \$ 2,964.00 Building Fund: \$ 585.00 Blessing Box: \$ 195.70

\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA NOVEMBER 11TH THRU NOVEMBER 17TH, 2012

Sun., Nov. 11 th	11:00 a.m.	Pack Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Mon., Nov. 12 th	9:00 a.m.	Women's Devotions at Pat Becker's home
	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Nov. 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Bells
Wed., Nov. 14 th	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thurs., Nov. 15 th	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	10:00 a.m.	Altar Care
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **NEIGHBORHOOD CARE GROUP SUNDAY** so we ask that you join together with the people from your group during the coffee hour so that you can meet and exchange information and get to know one another. (*check the yellow sheet you get this morning to see who is in your group*)

Today the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** shoeboxes will be packed at 11:00 a.m. after the second service. They will be delivered to a distribution center later this week. You can help with this project by packing a box in the Sunday School room or by donating money to send the boxes (\$7 per box).

Remember in your prayers all Veterans and their families on this **VETERANS DAY**.

Thank you to all who donated to our **COFFEE SUNDAY** project.

We are still in need of **COFFEE SERVERS** so would you please check the sign up sheet near the kitchen serving window and volunteer to provide coffee & goodies for one Sunday. Thank you.

Please note that **ALTAR CARE** will meet on Thursday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP will meet on Tuesday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. Come join us!

BETHESDA CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Monday, December 3rd at the Pine Inn in Glen. Please mark your calendars!! More info will follow in the coming weeks.

The WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be held on Saturday, December 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon with Kathy Hughes from the Tuscany Room providing the food and a demonstration. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Bring a friend, daughter or neighbor for lunch!!!

GLORY BAPTIST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALAD LUNCHEON on Wednesday, December 5th at 12:30 p.m. See Bulletin Board for details on RSVP information.

December 9th – Cantata

December 24th – Christmas Eve Services at 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.

December 25th – Christmas Day Communion Service at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)
followed by a Christmas Potluck Dinner.

December 30th – Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)

NEIGHBORHOOD CARE GROUPS

1. **Beavers
Stebbins
Miles
Penoyer**
2. **Tofteland
Iverson
Bakken
Swensen
Lange**
3. **Gripps/England
D. Gordon
Jazcak
Bray
Gingerich/Schlottman
Groth**
4. **Wedig
Swanson
Forester
Stueven
Meidlinger
Knudsen, J**
5. **Forrester
Carlson
Samuelson
Trotter
Becker**
6. **Metteer
Spetz
Magadanz
LeClaire
Bolke
Jones**
7. **Larson
Macioch
Mjelde
Berg
Wanous
Petersen, I
Darmer**
8. **Aho
Feyo
Persson
Wuorio
Anderson, M.J.
Miller
Bradash
Elliott**
9. **Bipes
Richter
Petersen
Ferdleman
Jarson
Noterman**
10. **Christensen, J
Nyberg
White
Westerlund, A**
11. **Simonson
Christensen, T
Bondeson
Eklund
Zollner
Lagerstrom**
12. **Westerlund, G
Burman, E
Westerlund, Neil
Westerlund, G
Elling/Benton
Phillipp
Johnson, Lois
Johnson, Bill
Kellen/Timmers**
13. **Kelly, D
Westerlund, Norm
Dickenson
Kullberg, C
Kullberg, A
Pearson, M**

14. D. Myhre
S. Stay
D. Olson
Sandell
B. Westerlund
Elwood
15. Niskanen
Heinz
Andrews
Lowe/Korngable
Burman
16. Keil
Haglund
Honi
Tichy
Bistodeau
17. Raisanen
J. Johnson
S. Hansen
Zahradka
18. Carron
Norlander
Lackner
C. Anderson
P. Sjoquist
19. Trandahl
D. Hanson
D. Block
M. Gilbert
Gorham
Vorlacek
Swenson, K.
20. Pullen
Rolek
Hamman
Kendall
Carlson, Bob
D. Hansen
21. Parson
Gosselin
M. Hammer/V. Johnson
Illstrup
Mundinger
Skoquist/Garbo
Lilienthal
M. Hass
Knudsen, F.
22. Dressely, F
Dressely, M.
Reinhard
Samuelson, Warren
J. Berens
Falk
Meleen
Stephenson
Danielson
23. B. Carlson
J. Morris
W. Olson
J. Wozney
S. Modrow
J. Birk
24. Honnold
Schewe
D. Lundahl
R. Hass
25. Bruesewitz
J. Henrickson
Manning
Seifert
Stockdill
Kloss
26. S. Long
I. Long
Grap
Rimer
Newman
Berland
R. Nelson
Fritz
G. Grant

Saluting Our Veterans - 2012

NAME	BRANCH	YEAR	AREA
Ron Aho	Navy	58-64	
David Anderson	Navy		Korea
Bob Beavers	Navy	WWII	Purple Heart
Maynard Berland	Army		
Les Bolke	Marines	43-45	Pacific
Phil Bray	USAF	56-58	Germany
Roy Berg	National Guard	24 years	
Jerry Becker	Army/Guard	58-83	Korea
Ernest Burman	Navy	WWII	Korea
Bruce Carlson	Army	69-71	Vietnam
Chuck Carlson	USMCR	55-63	
Richard Carron	Army	68-70	Vietnam
Wayne Danielson	Army	62-64	Germany
Marty Dressely	Navy	8 years	
Marlyn Eklund	Army	55-58	
Don Elliott	Army	49-53	Korea
Ken Elwood	National Guard	56-57	
Tom Forester	Army	64-66	Ethiopia
Jack Feyo	Navy	60-66	Bearing Sea
Roy Gosselin	Air Force	47-49	
Lee Forrester	Air Force	65-69	Bermuda
Dick Gripp	Navy		
Ron Haglund	National Guard	53-61	
Rollie Halvorson	Army	48-51	Korea
Melvin Hamman	Navy	49-52	Korea
Doug Hansen	Army	1969	Germany
Owen Heins	Army	50-53	
Merrill Honnold	Army	61-62	
John Iverson	Navy Reserve	68-70	Mediterranean
Ted Jaszczak	Army	57-59	
Lloyd Jarson	Marines	44-46	South Pacific
Delano Jones	Army	66-68	Vietnam
Bill Johnson	Army	54-58	Korea
Earl Julien	Army	54-57	Germany
Ron Keil	Navy	75-79	Vietnam
Keith Kellen	Navy	65-69	Vietnam
Doug Kloss	Army	70-76	
Fred Knudsen	Army/Air Force	43-46	
Bob Krueger	Army/Air Force	47-50	Guam
	MN Army Guard	50-72	
Lloyd Lilienthal	Navy	45-47	Pacific
Larry Liljenquist	USMC	89-93	Gulf War
Michael Lofgren	Marines	66-70	
Jim Magedanz	National Guard	66-72	
Jim Metteer	Army	69-71	Vietnam
Tom Mjelde	Air Force		
Jerry Morris	Navy	61-63	
Bob Neese	Army	55-58	Germany
Troy Nyberg	USMC	4 years	
Dick Norlander	Army	66-69	Korea
Wayne Olson	National Guard	57-63	
Dale Peterson	Air Force	54-68	
Ivan Peterson	Army	44-46	Germany
Sam Samuelson	Air Force	68-72	Taiwan
Alfie Sandell	Army	51-54	Korea
Jerry Schewe	Army	63-65	Germany
Ken Skogquist	Army	57-63	
Butch Stephenson	Navy	64-67	Vietnam
Dave Stueven	Army	69-72	
Wally Swenson	Army	53-56	
Dick Stebbins	Air Force	64-78	Vietnam
Sally Stay	Army	4 years	Iraq

BETHESDA'S DECEASED VETERANS			
<i>Spanish/American</i>	Martin Gudim	Walt Pedersen	
<i>World War I</i>	Arthur Andren	Gottfred Long	
	Ed Johnson	Joe Samson	
<i>World War II</i>			
	Dennis Brooks	Donald Johnson	Sam Reinhard
	Leonard Goldman	Norm Jorgenson	Swan Roseberg
	Wilbur Gorham	Harland Pedersen	Daniel Samson
	Walt Groehler	Richard Moe	Peg Schaefer
	Lawrence Hjort	Shirley Olson	Al Wedig
	Glen A. Johnson	Clarence Peterson	Dale Williams
<i>Korean War & Other</i>			
	Maynard Bakken	Gary Miller	Bill Schaefer
	Gordon Elling	Donald Olson	Lloyd Schaefer
	Richard Henrickson	Don Rimer	Delmer Swanson
	Rev. Winfield Johnson	Joann Roeker	Norman Swedberg