

**Sunday, November 8, 2015**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**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

**“All of My Life”**

**CCLI# 2329853**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN:

**“Wonderful Merciful Savior”**

**CCLI# 106879**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our maker and redeemer,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God + forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:**

**“Forever”**

**CCLI# 5826614**

### **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.*

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>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**

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

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! 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 rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive 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. R**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>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.*

<sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in



Merciful God, you execute justice for the oppressed. Guide global economic and financial leaders and all politicians. Embolden them to create financial policies that embody your justice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, just as you set the prisoners free, liberate all who are bound by physical and mental chains. Grant healing and wholeness to suffering communities, families, and individuals (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abundant God, you uphold the orphan and the widow. Provide homes and love for all who are alone, neglected, or abandoned in our community. Open our hearts to care for all your people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God, your steadfast love is endless. Keep us faithful to you and teach us through the witness of the saints (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM**

### **BLESSING**

The love of God who created you, the mercy of + Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMNS: “All the People Said Amen”**

**CCLI# 6518275**

**It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: The Praise Team  
Greeters: Rich & Marge Nelson  
Ushers: 8:30 am- Ron & Joanie Melhop  
10:00 am- Dick & Sue Stebbins  
Lector: 8:30 am – Val Benton

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Nov 1, 2015: 8:30am 86 10:00am 56

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

November 8 – November 15

Sunday	11/8	11:00 am	Shoe Box Party for Operation Christmas Child
Monday	11/9	9:00 am	Personnel Meeting
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/10	9:00am	Quilters
		10:00 -12:00	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	11/11	8:30am	Bible Study
<i>Veteran's Day</i>		9:30am	Hardanger
		11:00am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		6:15 pm	Cantata Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	11/12	8:00am	Romeos
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		5:30 pm	Hand Bell Practice
		6:00 pm	Church Growth Meeting
Friday	11/13	9:00 am	Stewardship Meeting
		10:00am	Bones
Sunday	11/15	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

**COFFEE SERVIERERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. We need volunteers for the rest of the year.

**WELCA** is in need of a co-chair. This is a 2 year term. The first year s mainly spent observing and the second year as chair. Basically all this involves is making the agenda and leading the meetings. There are only 6 meetings a year. Please consider this opportunity to serve. Without co-chairs WELCA will cease to continue and the organization is a vital part of the functioning of the church. If interested please contact Elsa Carlson 218-678-3408.

**KNOWLEDGDE BITES** Topic for this month is “Minnesota’s Lost Towns” presented by Rhonda Fochs, Author and Retired History Teacher. It will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 at 2:00pm at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison (2 blocks west of Super Valu). All are welcome.

**WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is Saturday December 5th at 11:00 am. It is at church. Mark your calendar and watch for signup sheet.

**HUNTERS’ ROAST BEEF SUPPER** Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Serving 4:00-8:00pm. Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Bread, Pickles & Apple or Pumpkin Pie. Adults - \$10.00; 6-12 years - \$4.50; Under 6 - FREE.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** We at Bethesda will be participating in the collection scarves, socks, etc. Please place them on the tree in the narthex. The gifts will be distributed on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RECYCLING HELP** Than you to Lloyd & Shirley Lilienthal for their many years of recycling. They have retired and Bethesda needs volunteers to help recycle cardboard, paper, glass and tin. The office and events in the fellowship hall generate lots of recycling. Malmo and Isle offer free recycling the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering to help out the recycling.

**FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER** at Appledorn’s Sunset Bay Resort. The Appledorn’s Family would like to make sure everyone has a warm meal & family to spend Thanksgiving with. Bring a non-perishable food donation. Call 320-676-8834 so they can prepare appropriately.



## Saluting our Veterans

NAME	BRANCH	YEAR	AREA
Ron Aho	Navy	58 - 64	
Ron Anderson	Army	49 - 53	Korea
Bob Beavers	Navy	42 - 45	Pacific
Maynard Berland	Army		
Les Bolke	Marines	43 - 45	Pacific
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	
Ken Elwood	National Guard	56 - 57	
Tom Forester	Army	64 - 66	Ethiopia
Jack Feyo	Navy	60 - 66	Bearing Sea
Roy Gosselin	AirForce	47 - 49	
Lee Forrester	AirForce	65 - 69	Bermuda
Dick Gripp	Navy		
Ron Haglund	National Guard	53 - 61	
Rollie Halvorson	Army	48 - 51	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	
Delano Jones	Army	66 - 68	Vietnam
Bill Johnson	Army	54 - 58	Korea
Ron Keil	Navy	75 - 79	Vietnam
Keith Kellen	Navy	65 - 69	Vietnam
Fred Knudsen	Army/Air Force	43 - 46	
Melody Lackner	Army	74 - 76	Germany
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	
Troy Nyberg	USMC	4 years	

Dick Norlander	Army	66 - 69	Korea
Wayne Olson	National Guard	57 - 63	
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
Dale Siems	Army	44 - 46	Europe
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	
Sally Stay	Army	4 years	Iraq

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World War I	Arthur Andren Joe Samson	Ed Johnson	
World War II	Dennis Brooks Peg Schaefer Sam Reinhard Wilbur Gorham Dale Williams Daniel Samson Lloyd Jarson	Glen A. Johnson Leonard Goldman Lawrence Hjort Norm Jorgenson Walt Groehler Shirley Olson	Clarence Peterson Donald Johnson Gottfred Long Swan Roseberg Harland Pedersen Richard Moe
Korean War Other	& Gordon Elling Maynard Bakken Don Rimer Rev. Winfield Johnson Gary Miller Melvin Hamman Harlow Dickinson	Joann Roeker Donald Olson Bill Schaefer Al Wedig	Richard Henrickson Lloyd Schaefer Norman Swedberg Delmer Swanson Howard Westerlund Darrel Westerlund Fredrick White



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