

**SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 10, 2024 -9:00 AM**  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**



*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love  
with all people.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM  
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude  
for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

**WELCOMING WORD** *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.*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**# 840 - Now Thank We All Our God**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Host at every table,  
Companion of the suffering, Spirit of resurrection life.

**C - Amen.**

L - Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one  
another. (silence for reflection)

God of letting go,

**C - We confess that we fill ourselves with empty riches while our  
neighbors starve.**

L - God of the cross,

**C - We confess that we grasp for dreams of wealth and reject your  
path of sacrificial love.**

L - God who knows our pain,

**C - We confess that we become numb or grumpy when you invite us  
into compassion.**

L - God who saves, feeds, and heals,

**C - We repent of setting the table too small. We lament our habits of  
scarcity and distrust. We renounce the lures of prosperity and seek  
your reign of joy and peace.**

L - People of God, we are both sinners and saints: God's table is set for all creation. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven all our fears are cast aside and all our neighbors are fed.

**C - Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

## **GREETING**

L: 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 pg. 138**

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139** *"Glory to God in the Highest..."*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Merciful God,

**C: the gift of life in you is our ultimate treasure. Wrap us in your abundant grace and empower us to share with all who hunger, in our walls and beyond, for you have already granted us everything we need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:**    *Your Kingdom Come*  
                                              *You Are My Strength*

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

<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.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> 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.

### **+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)**

**(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 12,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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

<sup>8</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 the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> 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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Simple Gifts"**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor John Twiton

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: insert**

**#685 "Take My Life, That I May Be**

**+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105**

**+SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**BENEVOLENCE PRESENTATION**

*"Ensuring health care is accessible for all"*

**OFFERING -**

**MUSIC - "All the People Said Amen" - by Praise Team**

**OFFERTORY #186 "Create in me..."**

**LITANY FOR VETERAN'S DAY**

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER** (pg. 145) (right hand column)

**SENDING**

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**+BLESSING**

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

**C: Amen.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**#631 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Psalm 94, God the Avenger of the Righteous

**Tuesday,** 1 Timothy 5:9-16, Duties towards Believers

**Wednesday** Luke 4:16-30, The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

**Thursday,** Psalm 16, Trust and Security in God

**Friday,** Daniel 4:19-27, Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream

**Saturday,** Mark 12:1-12, The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**“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.” – Mark 10:44**

*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.*

- Describe a time when you were utterly dependent upon someone's care, generosity, and attention. (1 Kgs 17:8)
- What signs of faith-inspired generosity have you witnessed in your congregation, community or the world? (Mark 12:38)
- How do you inspire or cultivate generosity when hesitancy, scarcity thinking or prejudice get in the way? (Mark 12:38)

**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.

**BLESS:** God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Amen.