

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 32

November 11, 2018

Stewardship Sunday

Veteran's Recognition



Gathering Song *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

Hymn of the Day *We Give Thee but Thine own*

Sending Song *Blessed Assurance*

Youth Choir Song

Our God is Here

Hymn #707

Hymn #686

Hymn #638

-Chris Muglia

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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.

A: *A reading from First Kings.*

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So 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." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But 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." ¹³Elijah 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. ¹⁴For 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." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The 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 God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Read Responsively by whole verse (bold type)

¹Hallelujah!

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.

³Put 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.**

⁵Happy 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;**

⁷who 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.**

⁹The 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.

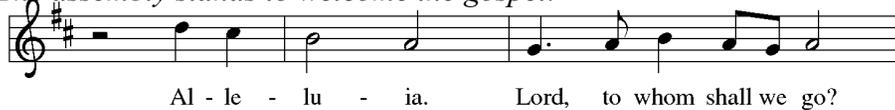
A: *A reading from Hebrews*

²⁴For 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. ²⁵Nor 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; ²⁶for 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. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so 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 God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



P: *The holy gospel according to St. Mark*

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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.

³⁸As 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, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then 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. ⁴⁴For 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Petition Response to Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**)

*Nicole Nicholson, Choir Director
Elaine DiChiara, Administrative Assistant
Roxanne Toomey, Deacon
April Pace, Nursery School Director*

We Welcome all visitors to our services. Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. On Sunday mornings we invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Room 2000 immediately following the 9:00 am worship service.

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Worship Bulletins are a gift from **Joan Drake** in loving memory of my beloved husband, **Phineas** and by **Julia, Craig & Pamela, Eric & Elisha Juergens** in loving memory of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, **Wilma Doolittle.**

Serving Today

Deacon: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey
Lector: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey
Comm.Assists:9:00-Barbara Stone, Claudia Gross
Acolyte: 9:00-Collin Gercken
Crucifer: 9:00-Delaney Gercken
Ushers: 9:00-Bob Rath, Bill Carman, Michael Soethout
Altar Guild: Doris Ohlander, Joan Drake, Norma Mantay,
Regina Coons, Edwina Henderson
Counters: Hans Vogel, Michael Soethout, John Gross
Flower Delivery: Lilly Ann Munnich
Greeter: Lilly Ann Munnich
Coffee Hour Hosts: Kirsten Duprez and Cathy & Jerry Fitzgerald

Announcements for the Week of November 11, 2018

Today we honor all our Veterans. Please see the special insert for a listing of the CLC Veterans. We thank our Veterans for their service!

Today is Stewardship Sunday. Today we ask our members to fill out their estimate of giving cards (included in the bulletin) for the work of Christ Lutheran Church in the coming year. The Stewardship Committee requests that we prayerfully consider our giving in 2019.

Many thanks to Kirsten Duprez and Cathy & Jerry Fitzgerald for hosting the Coffee Hour on Sunday morning!

The Seafarers' Christmas Program (Christian Outreach Project) has begun and runs through Sunday, November 25. The Christmas tree is on the table in the Narthex along with handouts listing donations needed to fill each satchel. Thank you for participating in this wonderful program. The seafarers are very grateful!

Mr. Mittens will be in the Narthex starting today, November 4 through Sunday, December 2 and once again will be welcoming gloves, mittens, hats, scarves in children's sizes to be delivered to Nassau University Medical Center. Also, if you would like to donate new children's books to give along with the gloves, etc. you may leave them with Mr. Mittens!

The Nursery School is having a Thanksgiving Pie Sale fund raiser. Orders need to be returned by Wednesday, November 14. Please see bulletin insert.

Please note: There is a change in the time of The Thanksgiving Eve Community Service on Wednesday, November 21 at St. Francis de Chantal. The service will start at 7:30 pm not 7:00 pm.

Just a reminder – Eye-glass & Hearing Aid Collection Box – If you have any eye glasses or hearing aids that you no longer need or use, the Wantagh Lion's Club is collecting them. There is a box in the hallway outside the Library where you may donate your old glasses and hearing aids. **The Lion's Club is very thankful for all your donations.**

Nursery School Registration for the 2018 - 2019 School Year is in progress. There are classes for 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 4 year olds, mornings only. If you have any questions about the program, please call the Nursery School at 516-679-8425.

The following people are on our Prayer List. We remember them in our prayers ~

Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Carole Brodman, James Cathcart, Donna Chillemi, Metta Drake, Michael Florio, Bill Gillis, Barbara Grieser, Helen Gscheidle, Edwina Henderson, Susan Jencen, Robert Knox, Carly Mantay, Kathy McKinnon, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, George & Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 221-3286.

Thrift Shop Hours:

Friday ~ 9am - 3pm
1st Saturday of month ~ 10am - 2pm

St. John's Food Pantry is in need of:

Canned peas, canned green beans, canned corn, hash, salad dressing
Mayonnaise, chili, canned beef stew, chicken broth, egg noodles,
Hamburger Helper, chicken gravy, miscellaneous canned vegetables, pork
and beans, facial tissues, bar soap, laundry soap

**There is a box in the hallway across from the Library for donations.
Thank you – your donations are much appreciated!**

Weekly Calendar

	9:00am	Time after Pentecost - Worship Service
Sun.		Stewardship Sunday and Veteran's Day Recognition
	10:00am	Coffee Hour
	10:15am	Sunday School & Confirmation
Mon.		Veteran's Day Observed - Office & Nursery School Closed
	7:00pm	Worship & Music
	8:00pm	Council
Wed.		SPIRE Mailing
Thurs.	5:30pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8:00pm	Senior Choir
Fri.	9am-3pm	Thrift Shop
Sat.	9:00am	Scouts - Fall cleanup - Church grounds
Sun.	9:00am	Time After Pentecost - Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Hour
	10:15am	Sunday School & Confirmation