

Sunday Worship
November 10, 2024



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Handbells *Land of Rest (Jerusalem, My Happy Home)* Arr. Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy.

C: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.. For His sake, you are **+** forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad

again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #679

For the Fruit of all Creation

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: 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

KYRIE Red hymnal #120

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #121

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in

the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

SPECIAL MUSIC Handbells

Adoro te Devote (Thee We Adore, O Savior)

Arr: A.K. Organ

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

R: ⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹"Go 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

R: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R: ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

R: ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C: ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

R: ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

C: ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

R: ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: ¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Hebrew 9:24-28

R: ²⁴Christ 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.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #124

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Mark 12:38-44**

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

P: ³⁸As [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, 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #678 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen
and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the
Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe
again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom

come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

HYMN Red hymnal #439

Soon and Very Soon

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Arr. Williams

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Ruth White, Loren Brockert & Deanna Rockwell in memory of Bob White &
Carolyn & Dick Brockert*

*Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted
using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	Doug Jacobs
Reader	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	Wayne Fronczak & Felicia Young
Usher	Deb Keppel

ATTENDANCE 11/2 & 3:108
Unified Giving: \$6,470.00

Sunday School: Adult: 12
Youth & Kids: 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *ADOPT-A-FAMILY*

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s) and return them to the tree by the designated date of **December 1st**. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

Our family is a single mother with two boys, ages 5 & 13.

Contact Deb Keppel with questions.

A FLOWER CHART for 2025 has been posted. Our florist has been charging us \$40 for 2 bouquets for the last 4 years, which is extraordinarily inexpensive. Prices have gone up on everything, including the price she pays for flowers, so she needs to raise the price to \$45, which is still much cheaper than you can get 2 bouquets anywhere.

ORNAMENTS FOR HOSPICE: Lil Nichols' clay class is again creating ornaments for Miami County Hospice Christmas trees on **November 12th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**.

You are invited to join in the tradition of making ornaments to donate. You can make them or put string or hangars on them, if you aren't creative. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

The time includes a pot luck - everyone brings in a dish to share and they fellowship during lunch. Please let Lil know if you would like to join the fun at 937-510-3905. She is keeping a sign-up sheet for food.

They are also going to make ornaments for Zion's **CITY PARK CHRISTMAS TREE**. Zion is again decorating a tree to represent our church for Tipp City's 5th "Christmas in the Park" program.

POINSETTIA ORDERS - Order now through Sunday, Nov. 17th. They are **\$8.50 per plant**. If you didn't get one in last weeks' bulletin, order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. Please attach payment. No late orders will be accepted due to availability issues with the supplier.

WOMEN OF ZION CHRISTMAS DINNER: Thursday, December 5th, 6:00 pm
Information and sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship hallway.
The envelope for payment is on the table in the work room.