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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 10th, 2024 ♣ 10:15 a.m.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 92:1,2,4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4

It is good to praise the LORD

and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;

I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of overflowing grace and mercy, we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

There is joy in heaven over every person who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen**

*GATHERING HYMN

O God beyond All Praising

ELW 880

*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**



God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.

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.

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.

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!

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 1088

Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah,



Text: Traditional

Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark...

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ELW 790

*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence is observed*.

Eternal God, you watch over the stranger. Be with missionaries serving in many lands, especially Stephen and Bethany Friberg, and Andrew and Sarah Wilson. Give them compassion and grace as they embody your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creative God, you made heaven and earth. Move us to delight in the earth and care for it as you desire. Bless farmers and gardeners as they rest from tilling the fields. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

Additional prayers may be offered here in speech and silence.

Almighty God, your steadfast love is endless. Keep us faithful to you and teach us through the witness of the saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your care, Everlasting God, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

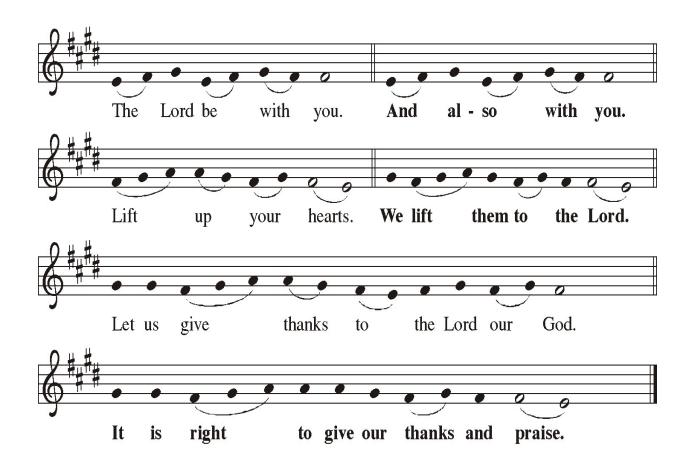
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

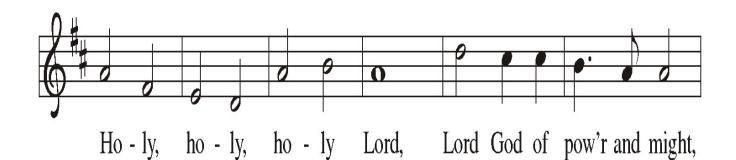
*DIALOGUE

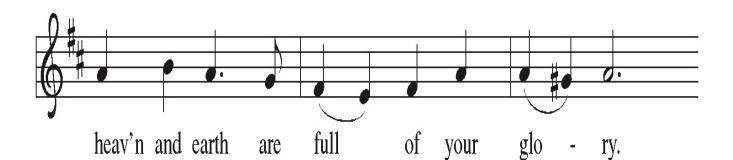


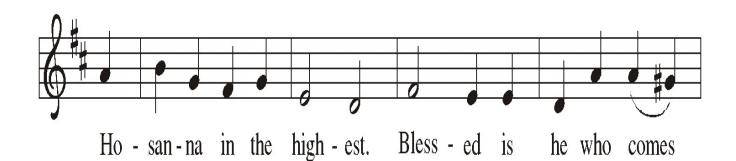


*PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:









*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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,

*Invitation to Communion

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

forever and ever. Amen

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*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BENEDICTION

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen**

*SENDING HYMN

O Happy Day When We Shall Stand

ELW 441

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace and joy. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Sonata Beethoven

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ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

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MUSIC MINISTER
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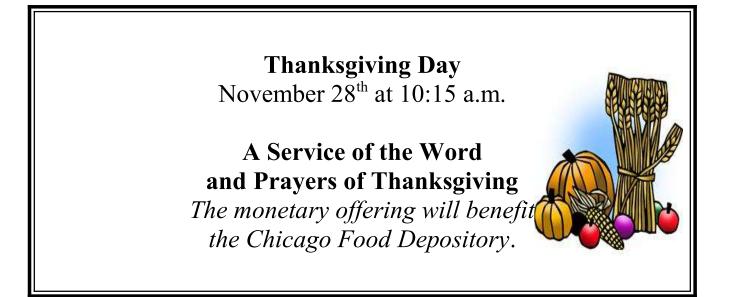
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Carrie Watkiss
David Richards
Beverly Tarbox
John Kostelny
Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
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Fred Kuzel
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IN THE PRAYERS...

Members of the Congregation: Larry Crachy, Elaine Haase, Bettye Harden, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Mildred Mendel and Mary Sasuta. Friends and Relatives of the Congregation: Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Marilyn Dunne, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Julie Mroz, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Tim Richard, Becky Rosas, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Stevie Singer, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox and Tom Thoreson.

The **church office will be closed** beginning tomorrow through Friday, November 15th. I'll be back in the office on Monday, November 18th. Have a great week!

-Karen Rouleau



Sunday, November 24th

following worship until 2 p.m.

Share this date with your family, friends and neighbors!



Homemade baked goods drop-off Saturday, November 23rd between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

COMMEMORATIONS

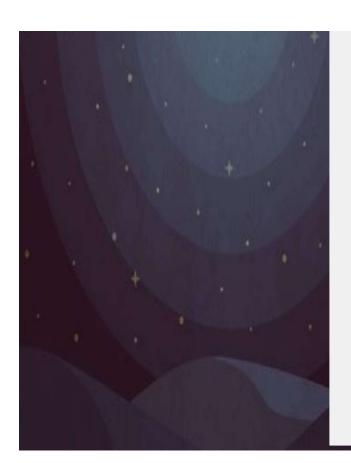
Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397 Monday, November 11th

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855 Monday, November 11th

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.





"Glory" | December 6, 8, & 14,

2024

We express awe and adulation by commemorating seasonal events from diverse communities. "Glory" honors togetherness and universal aspirations for peace, love, and hope.

Lux Cantorum Chicago will present its Christmas concert entitled "Glory" at Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday afternoon, December 8th at 4 p.m. More information at luxcantorum.org. Sts. Peter and Paul members Brandon Michaels and Pastor Dennis sing with Lux Cantorum.

THE WIDOWS' MIGHT

Long before Jesus, the prophet Elijah asked a widow for her last handful of food. She gave it, and received blessing. In today's gospel, Jesus warns the disciples about the scribes who devour widows' houses. Almost on cue, a widow throws her only two cents into the temple alms box. Should this remind us more of Elijah or of the scribes—or of something else? Jesus' comments about this widow who cast in all she had, her whole life, are his final words in the temple.

As they leave, the disciples marvel over its architecture, but Jesus can sense that the city will fall; his own death is closing in. He speaks at length about how terrifying that time will be, and how they are to hold firm (Mark 13). Then the priests and scribes begin to look for a way to kill him. While he is at table, a woman walks in carrying a jar of ointment whose price could support someone for a year. She breaks it open and pours the oil over Jesus' head, prophetically anointing him for burial (Mark 14). Both the temple and Jesus' body will be shattered, like the alabaster jar. He too will be devoured by the scribes.

The long speech about not being led astray in the midst of chaos is framed by these two stories of corrupt religious leaders and lavishly generous women: the deep-pocketed scribes and the widow in the temple, and the plotting scribes and the woman at the dinner. In the most frightening, maddening, circumstances possible, the widow and the anointer both give freely—like Jesus himself.

Our days grow short. The world is filled with grief, trouble, and violence. Will our efforts robe a scribe or feed a prophet? Will we burn out, give up, or endure? We can only dare to engage—to cast in whatever we have—through the power of the anointed one who first freely poured out life for, and into, us.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering November 3rd, 2024

Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2024: \$2,615.00
Offering Received for the Above Categories: \$1,720.00
Shortage: \$820.00

Donations are welcome via Zelle at donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org.