

25th Sunday after Trinity

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #782

“Evening and Morning”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

The Introit

Ps. 107:1-2, 8, 41-42

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- C** **Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!**
- P** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.
- C** **He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.**
- P** The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
- C** **Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

The Response

LSB #686:1

- C** ♪ ***Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.***

The Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** ♪ ***And with thy spirit.***

The Collect Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**



Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ 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.

P The Holy Gospel is written in the twelfth chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the thirty-eighth verse:

G ♪ *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*



Mark 12:38-44

And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P Here ends the Gospel.

G ♪ *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: WS #789

"Consider How the Birds Above"

✠ **The Sermon** ✠



1 Kings 17:7-16

And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not

be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

God, Grant Me a Zarephath Faith!

- I. Like Elijah who trusted Your word of providence
- II. Like the widow who trusted Your word of salvation

The Offertory

C *♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #396 *"Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"*

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C *♩ Amen, amen, a – men.*

Hymn: TLH #425 *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*



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Thank you! Jess and I would like to thank the congregation for all the assistance in moving—to Larry and Phil for assisting us in St. Louis and to the rest for unpacking the truck and assembling the beds once we arrived in Okabena. Thank you also for filling the pantry before we arrived—that has been extremely helpful these first few weeks! Thanks again!

Baby Shower – Please join us for a baby shower honoring Stephanie Appel on Sat. December 7th at 1pm at the Bigelow, MN Firehall (1530 Broadway Ave.) RSVP to Michaela at 715-864-2069 by 11/28. Stephanie is registered at Target and Amazon. Bring any size diapers for a chance to win a prize! (Pampers Pure are preferred.)

2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip – Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

MDF Opportunities – The CLC Board of Missions has numerous opportunities to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ with Gospel outreach in several countries around the world. Offerings to the Mission Development Fund (MDF) are needed to support and complete projects such as a seminary classroom building in Nigeria, a multipurpose worship and Bible institute building in Bangladesh, and pastoral training seminars and conferences. Please prayerfully consider the needs of the MDF in the furtherance of the Great Commission.

CLC Call News – Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

Ushers	11/17	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	11/24	Kendall B, Larry B
	12/1	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
Cleaning	This Week – The Albrechts (Wk. 1)	
	Up Next – J. Eigenberg, B. Eigenberg	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 18 - November 23, '24

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my
redeemer."*

(Psalm 19:14)

Mon John 11:21-27 To look forward to the resurrection on the last day is to look forward to Christ's coming on the last day. In Him is life, the light of mankind (1:4).

Tues 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Paul warns about false reports of Christ's second coming; but first would come powerful opposition from the lawless one, already at work, to be revealed and overcome by Christ.

Wed Isaiah 35:4-10 Be strong, unafraid in the face of opposition. It is God who will come to judge the evil which opposes Him, and to bring healing and everlasting joy to those ransomed by Him (v10).

Thurs Luke 12:35-40 The Master's return brings wondrous blessings: He serves the servants (V37)! But the servants need to be ready at ALL times for His coming.

Fri Philippians 1:12-21 Paul is in chains because he preaches the good news of Christ, and as this becomes known, Christ is proclaimed. So whether Paul lives or dies, Christ will be magnified, a cause for joy!

Sat Revelation 21:1-7 What could be better than God dwelling with people (v3)? No more tears, no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain! All this from the One sitting on the throne, our Savior!