

**FIRST LESSON. 1 Kings 17:8-16**

The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 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." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 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." 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. 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." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 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 LESSON. Hebrews 9:24-28**

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. 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; 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. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, 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.

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

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

# Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



## November 8, 2015

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8, 2015  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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If someone were to ask you to give away everything you have, what would you say? How would you react? Today we hear two examples of faithful, extravagant giving, and ponder what it means to give extravagantly.

**Gathering Songs**

*With Our Voices We'll Tell  
God Will Make a Way  
Let Us Go to the House of the Lord*

Worship Team  
Beech  
Moen  
Beech

**Announcements**

**\* Processional Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance*

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**\* Apostolic Greeting**

P 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**

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**\* Hymn of Praise**

*This Is The Feast*

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**\* Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

**Kindergarten Milestone Blessing**

**First Lesson**

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.*

(Congregational response spoken after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Second Lesson**

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.*

(Congregational response spoken after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Hannah Circle Hosting Pioneer Sunshine Aid @ 3 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 18th in the Lakes Neighborhood on the 2nd floor of Pioneer Care. Come join us!**

**Kindergartners receiving Milestone Blessing this morning are:**

Carson Anderson, Keaton Babolian, Max Batzlaff, Evelyn Elliott, Ethan Erickson, Parker Kantrud, Declan Kugler, Chardanay Lockett, Leeland Mertz, Aubrey Neubauer, Issac Rose, Anabelle Steyn, Anders Trosvig, Presley Warren.

**Greg Wollan**, a son of the congregation and a church musician, is performing at First Lutheran Church on **November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.** Please come and enjoy the wonderful music and fellowship, treats will be served by the Fellowship Committee in the New Narthex following the concert. There will be a free will offering, and Greg will have his CD's on sale for \$5, proceeds will go to the Library Committee, in honor and memory of Greg's mom, Val.

**Coffee and Refreshments** will be served this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Ryan & Sara Hanson and Kaiden & Raven Vallevand.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Ginny Bjorgum and grandson, Eddie Bjorgum & Emma Christy in celebration of Ginny's mom, Ann Larsen's, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

**Harvest Dinner** is right around the corner and food donations are needed! We also need help in the kitchen! Sign-up today on the table in the narthex so that we know what you can help out with.

**NEW MEMBER COMMUNITY** continues next Sunday, November 15th from 4-5 p.m. in the Narthex with the potluck to follow. Childcare will be provided from 4-5 p.m.

**Visitors!** If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up in the basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the Sanctuary after worship.

**Large Print Bulletins are available.** If you would like a copy for worship, please ask an usher.

**CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** We'll travel with OtterTail Coaches to the 2 p.m. concert on **Sunday, December 6.** Coach will load in lower level parking lot at 12:05 and leave **promptly at 12:15.** Sign-up sheet is on the Info Counter. Please pay \$15 (group rate) by check when you sign up. Payable to First Lutheran Church—Concordia Concert on the Memo line. Deadline to sign up and pay is Wednesday, Nov 25. Individual tickets are \$19 this year. **All ages and guests are welcome—this is not strictly an OWL event! Please see the Messenger for more details.**

**OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS HERE!** For those of you who had your picture taken, your copy of our church directory is labeled, in alphabetical order and on the information counter. If you did not have your picture taken but would like a directory – we do have a few available for purchase for \$5 at the info counter.

**Adult Bible Study** this morning will be led by Pastor Stan Satre in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. *The Mighty Works of God. A quick story of our faith using both the scriptures and current scholarship resources.*

**THANKOFFERING—2015**...Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings for more than 100 years. Last year, Thankofferings totaled over \$900,000 to support Women of the ELCA church- wide ministries, with offerings coming from 2,450 congregations. We'd be happy to reach a goal of \$900 from First Lutheran in 2015. The blue offering envelope you received in the November Messenger may be placed in the Sunday offering plate anytime in November or bring it to the office. If you receive your Messenger via e-mail, there are envelopes on the Info counter for your use. Questions? Call Margaret Kratzke at 736-3697

**Do you use offering envelopes?** With the addition of simply giving and electronic giving options, many members don't use their offering envelopes. If this sounds like you, you could help save the church some money! The 2016 envelopes will be ordered within the next month. **If you wish to NOT receive the envelopes, please contact the church office.**

**On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Chris Richards**, a former youth director here at First Lutheran will be ordained into the ELCA Clergy. He has been called to serve as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cyrus, MN. The Ordination service will be at First Lutheran in Morris, MN at 4 pm with a brief reception following. You are invited to attend. Greetings can be sent to 316 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Morris, MN 56267

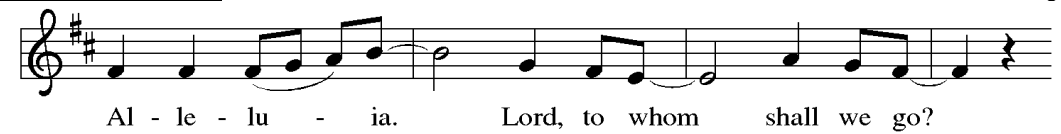
**Red Cross Blood Drive:** The Outreach Committee is in need of volunteers to help out at the upcoming Blood Drive on Friday, November 13th from 10-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Rick West at 205-6963 if you are interested in helping.

**Operation Bootstrap Africa 50th Anniversary Celebration** is Friday, November 13th from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Thrivent Financial Bldg. (625 Fourth Ave. S., Minneapolis) Silent & Live Auction, Anniversary program with guest speaker Dr. Mark Jacobson, ALMC. Individual tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at [www.bootstrapafrica.org](http://www.bootstrapafrica.org), please act immediately if you want to purchase a ticket!

**Erik Vigesaa, Adult Choir Director**, would like to invite you to come and sing in the choir Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. New choir members are always welcome to join us as we praise God with our voices!

**Do you wish to receive The Lutheran magazine?** If so, please sign-up at the info counter, with your name and address and they will be mailed directly to your house. The First Lutheran Church Foundation pays for your subscription.

**\* Gospel Acclamation**



(After Gospel is announced, congregation says, **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.*

(After Gospel is read, congregation says, **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

**Giving It All**

Pastor Jennifer Rose

**Hymn of the Day**

**Have You Thanked the Lord?**

**ELW 829 (v.1 & 2)**

**\* Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

**\* The Prayers**

**\* The PEACE is shared**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**Offering**

**Be Exalted, O God**

Brent Chambers

Worship Team

**\*Offertory Response**

**Give Thanks**

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one;  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. **(repeat once)**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. **(repeat once)**

Give thanks!

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**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\* The Lord's Prayer** (alternate version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Distribution of Communion**

**Hymns during Communion**

**ELW 461, 483**

**\* Post Communion Blessing**

**\* Post Communion**

***Thank you, Lord***

arr. Harry Weins

1. Thank you Lord. Thank you, Lord.
2. Love you, Lord. Love you, Lord.
3. Praise you, Lord. Praise you, Lord.

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**\* Benediction and Sending**

**(Congregational response: *Thanks be to God*)**

**\* Postlude**

**Thank you, Lord (Reprise)**

\* Indicates when congregation stands

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Lectors:	8:30- Karen Lundstrom 11:00- Carmon Jackson
Acolytes:	8:30- Ethan Menge, Madeline Trosvig 11:00-Jacob Spangler, Aaron Shelstad
Greeters:	8:30 – Rod & Marilyn Berg 11:00 – Terry Gervais
Communion Assistants:	8:30 – Bruce and Wendy Anderson 11:00 – Margaret Kratzke, Donna Quam
Ushers:	8:30- Leonard Hatzenbuhler & Karen Lundstrom, Kile, Tonya, Ellie & Katie Bergren 11:00- Cary & Kari Knudson, Anthony & Joyce Perez
Worship Team Director:	Anne Taylor
Sacristans:	8:30 – Ashley Shuck 11:00- Carolyn Sund
Organist:	Keith Melberg
PA:	LeAnne Jaenisch

**This Week at First Lutheran:**

Today:	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Blended Worship/Holy Communion/ <b>Kindergarten Milestone Blessing</b>
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Class in Kairos Room</b>
	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study (led by Pastor Stan)
		<b>No New Member Class</b> (resumes next Sunday, Nov. 15)
Monday:	9 am	WELCA Love days
	5 p.m.	Al-Anon
	5 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday:	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>BBC @ Taco Johns</b>
	9 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	3 pm	Mill Street Bible Study
	6 pm	Church Council
Wed.:	9 am	Al-Anon
	10 a.m.	AA
	3:45 pm	Children's Choir
	4:30 p.m.	FLY K2, 34
	6 pm	Hosanna Handbells
	<b>6:30-8:30 pm</b>	<b>No Confirmation (Super FLY Harvest Dinner Prep – <u>required for all Confirmation Students</u>)</b>
	7:30 p.m.	Senior FLY
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thurs.:	8:45 a.m.	Morning Watch – Pr Jennifer– KBRF AM 1250
	9:30 a.m.	Sr. Coffee & Bible Study in Kairos room
	<b>5-7 p.m.</b>	<b>Harvest Dinner</b>
Friday:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	<b>10-4 p.m.</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Ana Miller Concert</b>
	<b>6-8 p.m.</b>	<b>OBA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Mpls.</b>
<b><u>Next Sunday, November 15th:</u></b>		
	8:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	<b>9:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Butterflies (**Note Change)</b>
	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>New Member Class Potluck in Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>GREG WOLLAN CONCERT</b>