

Pentecost 25

November 10, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27 (Year B)

Complete trust in God is something we aspire to exhibit in our lives of faith. We struggle at times, fearful that we will be left without what we need. A widow with a son willingly gave Elijah the last of her food. She received the promise that she would not go hungry. A poor widow put all the money she had into the treasury box, trusting that God would meet all of her needs. May we be so bold in our trust of God!



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16 Elijah and the Widow

The Lord sent Elijah to a widow in Zaraphath. He was instructed to ask her for something to drink and eat. She was so poor that all she had was a meager amount of flour and a bit of oil. Elijah assured her that the Lord would provide for her and her son, that the flour and oil would not run out.

Psalm 146 Happy are Those Whose Hope is in the Lord
The psalmist sang praises to the Lord, who is worthy of his trust and hope. The Lord sets the prisoners free, brings sight to the blind, and cares for the widow and orphan. God’s justice is manifest in his concern for the lowly and needy.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ Will Return

The author of Hebrews made a clear distinction between the death of human beings, which is followed by judgment, and the death of Jesus, which will be followed by his return to save those who have waited for him. When Jesus returns, it will not be to make a sacrifice for sin; that has already been accomplished. He will return to gather his own unto himself for all eternity.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:38-44 A Poor Widow’s Offering

Jesus taught his followers about those who prance around, seeking to draw attention to their religious actions. “Beware of them,” he warned. Then he sat down near the offering box in the temple and saw an impoverished widow put two coins into the collection. He pointed to her as an example of true generosity and piety.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.
- Use the Apostles’ Creed in Ordinary Time.
- Veteran’s Day is this week in the United States (Nov. 11). Remember to honor those in your congregation who faithfully served God and country.
- God has always had a deep, abiding concern for widows and orphans. How is God’s concern for the most unfortunate among us reflected in the ministry of your congregation? Lift up these ways for all to think about and reflect upon. Are we giving our best or are we giving what’s left over?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Take My Life, That I May Be	406	---	783	685	233	233
Blessed Assurance	---	699	---	638	190	190
For the Fruit of All Creation	563	760	894	679	---	---
Praise and Thanksgiving	409	---	789	689	---	---
Sing to the Lord of the Harvest	412	---	893	694	262	262
Lord of All Good	411	---	786	---	---	---
Lord of All Hopefulness	469	---	738	765	200	200
Amazing Grace	448	---	744	779	199	199
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	---	731	739	773	206	206
My Country, 'Tis of Thee	566	---	---	---	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:
Justice
(CCLI# 4447128)
Miracle
(CCLI# 4633846)
Eternity
(CCLI# 944330)
Give Thanks
(CCLI# 20285)
Over and Over
(CCLI# 7107547)

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