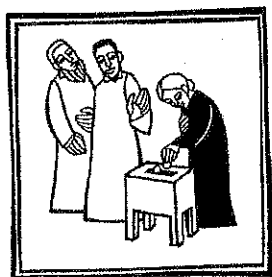




She
put in
everything
she had,
all she had
to live on

MARK 12:44



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, November 9, 2024 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 10, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

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.

PRELUDE

"Humble Thyself/Make Me a Servant"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

$\text{♩} = 86$ C F C Am G

Come to-geth-er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec-tion from the liv-ing cen-ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear cre - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

F C Am F

But all is read - y will you come? Love in - vites the way.
 With each oth - er we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
 In the roar of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

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.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Almighty"

CHORUS

Musical notation for the Chorus of 'Almighty'. The music is in 4/4 time, key of F major (one flat). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "Al - might - y, most ho - ly God, - faith - ful through the ag - es; Al - might - y, most ho - ly Lord, - glo - ri - ous, - Al - might - y - God."

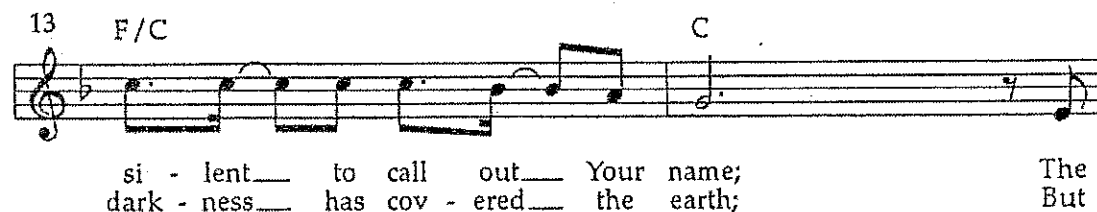
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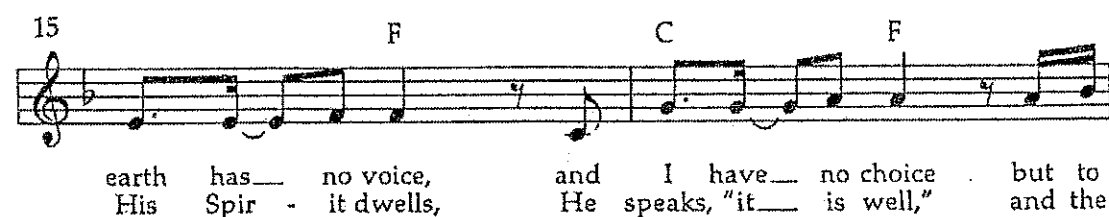
beasts of the field, the birds of the air, are
time march - es on, with the in - no - cence gone, and a

13 F/C C



si - lent to call out Your name; The
dark - ness has cov - ered the earth; But

15 F C F



earth has no voice, and I have no choice but to
His Spir - it dwells, He speaks, "it is well," and the

17 F/C C



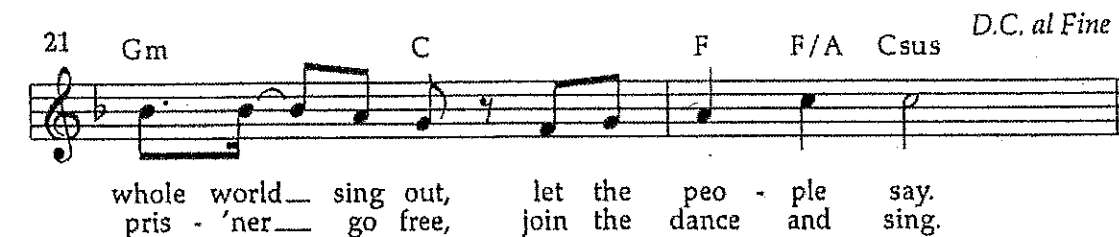
mag - ni - fy God un - a - shamed. Let the
hope - less still of - fered new birth. He will

19 Gm C F F/A Bb



rocks be kept si - lent for one more day; Let the
break the leash of death, it will have no sting; Let the

21 Gm C F F/A Csus D.C. al Fine



whole world sing out, let the peo - ple say.
pris - 'ner go free, join the dance and sing.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from First Kings.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- ³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
- ⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
- ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
- ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
- ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
- ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

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.

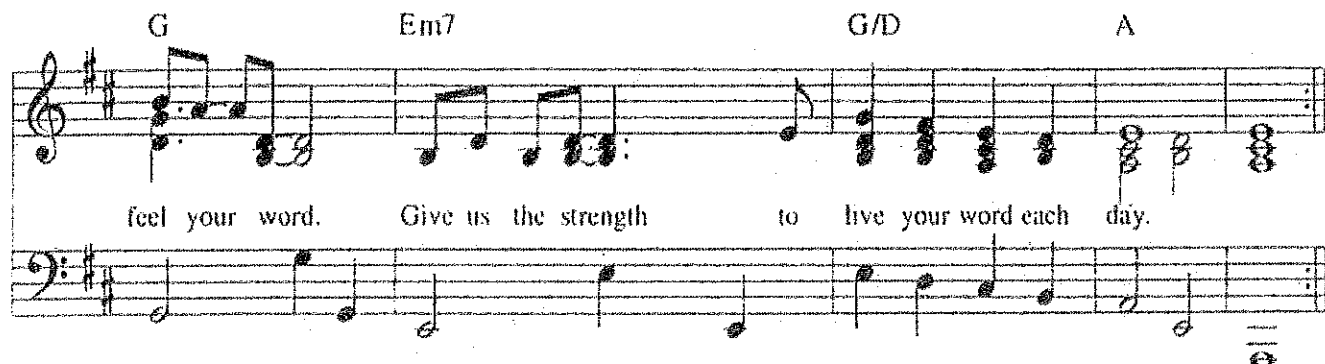
²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Help Us O Lord"

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O-pen our hearts to

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GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

"You are the Light of the World"

Jubilation

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 THE PEOPLE

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"
The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Help Us Oh Lord" vv. 1 & 3

$\text{♩} = 108$

Em C D Em

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth.
of - fer in joy what you first to us gave:

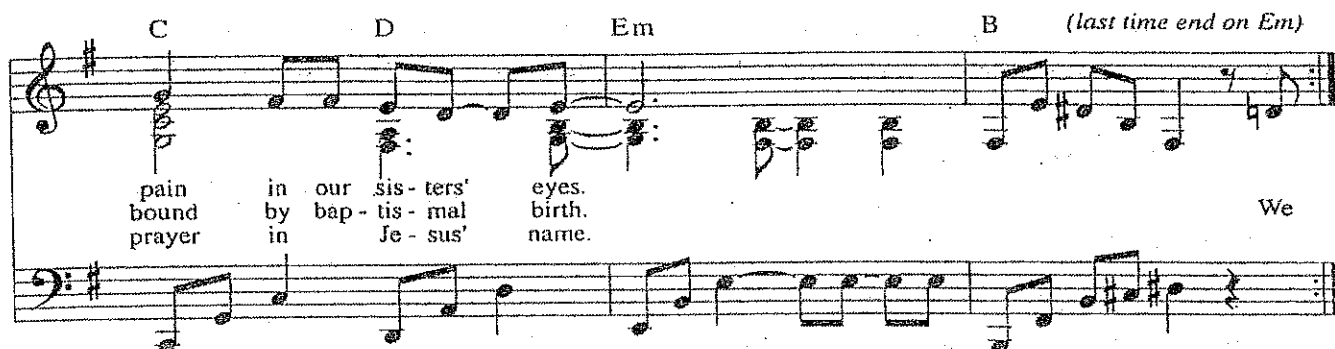
Am C D

Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7

Re - Help us, oh Lord, to feel the
mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're
Re - ceive them all now, this is our

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood or your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

♩ = 100 *E♭ (D) (guitar: capo 1)* *B♭m/G (Am/F♯)* *A♭ (G)*

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God,

you take a way the sin of the

E♭/G (D/F♯) *A♭Maj7 (GMaj7)* *Gm7 (F♯m7)*

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The image shows two staves of music. The first staff is for the melody, with lyrics 'world: have mer - cy on us.' and a 3-measure rest. The second staff is for the bass line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system has chords: C7 (B7), Eb (D), F (E), F7 (E7), and Bb7 (A7). The second system has chords: C7 (B7), Eb (D), F (E), F7 (E7), Bb7 (A7), and Eb (D). The lyrics for the second system are 'world: grant us your peace, _____ grant us your peace.'.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Those who are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small gold dish on the paten. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. There are baskets at the end of the front pews where you can deposit your cups as you return to your seat. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS "We Come to the Hungry Feast" "Your Grace is Sufficient"

Jubilation

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have

made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"I Will Celebrate"

1 E2
I will cel - e - brate,

3 C#m7 B/C# C#m
sing un - to the Lord;

5 A maj7 A6 F#m7/B
Sing to the Lord a

7 A/E E F#m/E E
new song.

9 E2 Esus4/2 E
I will cel - e - brate,

11 C#m7 B/C# C#m
sing un - to the Lord;

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13 Amaj7 A6 F#m7/B F#m/B E Fine

Sing to the Lord a new song.

16 E G#m7

With my heart re -

19 B/C# C#7 F#m7

joice - ing with - in, With my mind

22 Amaj7/B A6/B

fo - cused on Him; With my

25 G#m7 B/C#

hands raised to the

28 C#7 B/C# C#7 F#m7

hea - vens, All I am,

31 Amaj7/B A6/B B7sus D.C. al Fine

wor - ship - ping Him.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Myron Scheibe & Bill Wittkowski
Reader	Carolyn Hulsen
Communion Assistant	Pat Reese
Acolytes	Jace Cline & Will Lindaman
Counters	Curt & Carolyn Hulsen

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Jim & Donna Gruenhagen
Reader	Myra Kreiter
Communion Assistant	Kayden Diercks
Counters	Deanna & Dan Nielsen

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowski and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker
Online Streaming Crew	Lucas Golinghorst, Scott LaPlante, & Kevin Zidarich

God's Generosity Brings New Life

As we cross a busy street, a stranger's cry of "WATCH OUT!" will certainly send our heart racing. Such an outburst may not be what we expect to hear, but it is the warning needed for us to get out of the way of an approaching threat. Jesus catches our attention with a similar word today: "Beware." Beware the violence of a system that devours widows' houses while hiding behind prayers and piety; there is danger here! But this is not the only relationship Jesus urges his followers to pay attention to today. He also invites them to be aware of how one widow in their community is responding: she gives—and gives generously. What might that mean for us?

God gives generously too. We often talk about God's generosity being rooted in God's love for us. From the moment we were baptized, we have been reminded of such love that goes with us through death and into the new life God brings. This love takes seriously all the things that tear apart our lives and world—and pays attention to where healing and repair might take hold.

God is always rooting *for us*, and we trust that Christ's resurrection life will bring us through hardships when death has done its worst. What a gift it is to be gathered into the worshiping community week after week, to again be centered around Christ's table and its generous promises of grace that renew us and make us whole: "The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you." This is generosity! This is new life!

Yet we do not stay at the table. We are sent from it, together. Where do we go from here? Where might we share such grace and love this week? Perhaps both "Beware" and "Be aware" are our invitations to generosity as Jesus draws our attention to all the important relationships around us.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIVED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 9 & 10, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheraneldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



The flowers on the altar this weekend are given by Ann Kuehl in loving memory of her late husband, Wes Kuehl.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ann Kuehl	Gary Oerman	Kelly
Kathy Stoltz	Carolyn Dannat	Shawn
Steve Mixdorf	Ed Stoltz	Tim
Henry Storjohann	Kim Pierce	Joyce
Dan Anderson	Barb Conklen	James
Jim Schneider	Marilyn	Zoey



Thank you for all of the kindness shown to the entire Faith Lutheran staff during our Pastor and Staff appreciation month in October. All of the notes and gifts are so appreciated and warm our hearts. It is a pleasure and privilege to serve this congregation and community.



Everyone loves a treat after church! We need people to provide treats for fellowship time on Sunday mornings. Not a baker? No problem! Store bought items and homemade are all enjoyed! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Warm Clothing Drive for Humility Homes -The weather is going to be getting cold before we know it. Humility Homes will again be collecting winter outer wear to provide to the people they provide services to. Their greatest need is men's coats (new or gently used). Women and children's coats will also be accepted. They can also use hats, gloves and scarves. The single use hand and feet warmers have also been requested. Additional items they provide are warm socks for men and women. There is a need for all sizes of men's underwear. There will be a box in the gathering area for your donations. Donations will be accepted through the first of December. Please contact Betty Strom if you have any questions.



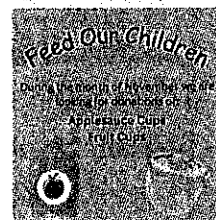
Are you interested in making sure Faith is available for all people looking to connect with Jesus? Join our online streaming team by sign up online

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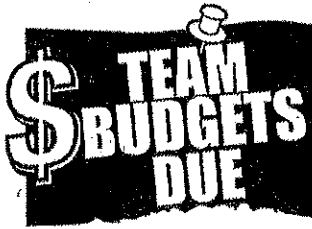


Feed Our Children Ministry is asking for donations year-round to stock up for next summer. In November, we are asking for applesauce cups and fruit cups (please make sure expiration is next summer or later.)

Thank you!



November 9 & 10: 5:00 pm: 40, 9:00 am: 103, Online: 60, Total: 203.



Our Church Council is diligently working on the 2025 Budget. Team Leaders should submit their 2025 Budget requests to Myron Scheibe by Monday, November 11th. *Thank you!*

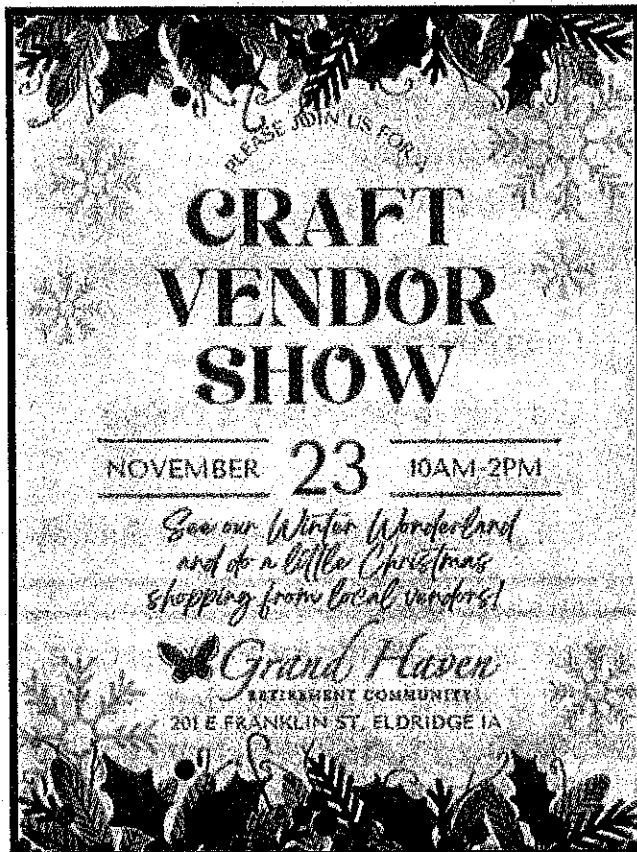
THANKSGIVING Special Offering

Our Thanksgiving special offering will go to the ELCA Disaster Response— for Hurricanes Helene +Milton relief. Council chose ELCA disaster response since 100% of the money given goes to the disaster and ELCA provides longtime support after the disaster has occurred. More information can be found at: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response>



The Property Team is planning on hosting a Fall Clean Up day on Saturday, November 23, at 9:00 am. Please come and help us keep Faith looking beautiful. Your help is much needed, and appreciated. **Note - We will be watching the weather to make sure this date will work. Please look for Fall Clean Up Day*

updates in the weekly announcements as the date draws near. Thank you!



Congregational Breakfast

Join us on Sunday,
November 17, for our
monthly
Congregational

Breakfast following the 9 am worship service. It is our hope that these intergenerational congregational breakfasts will be an opportunity for us to grow in faith and in relationship with one another.





Saturday, November 9	11:30 am	Private Event in Fellowship Hall
	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, November 10	9:00 am	Jubilation Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	4:00 pm	4-H
	5:45 pm	Scouts
Monday, November 11	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:30 pm	Lions Club Exec. Meeting
Tuesday, November 12	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 13	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:00 pm	Cantata Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
	7:00 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, November 14	6:30 pm	Women of Faith Board Meeting
Friday, November 15	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, November 16	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, November 17	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Congregational Breakfast & Sunday School



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501.** For after-hour emergencies, please contact **Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.**