



25th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & 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 abides too close to our hearts and we are complicit in its power. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor. Unbind us, forgive us, and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth. Enliven us to live just and generous lives for the good of your creation and for the care of our neighbor 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 Jesus' sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in God's salvation. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "Your Name"

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch
Your heart and glorify Your Name.

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower,
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder,
'cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

Jesus in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

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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.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16 *God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath*

PSALM: Psalm 146 [read responsively]

¹ Hallelujah! 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.

³ Put 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.**

⁵ Happy 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;**

⁷ who 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.**

⁹ The 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 *The once for all sacrifice of Christ*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Open Our Eyes”** Text & music: Bob Cull, 1976 Maranatha! Music

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44 *A widow’s generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Take My Life, That I May Be”**

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

Liam Bartleson

Karen Kofron

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Donna Kvale

Lucky Truong

Michaela Farus

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Rogene Westerberg

Doris Johnson

Tim Schmidt

Missionary Karen Anderson

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Oceans"

Elizabeth May

OFFERTORY: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son, [repeat]

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]
Give thanks.

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.**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "Bring Forth the Kingdom of God" Text/music: Marty Haugen, 1986 GIA Publications

Leader All

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader All

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jou-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace;

bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the cit-y of God!

BLESSING & DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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