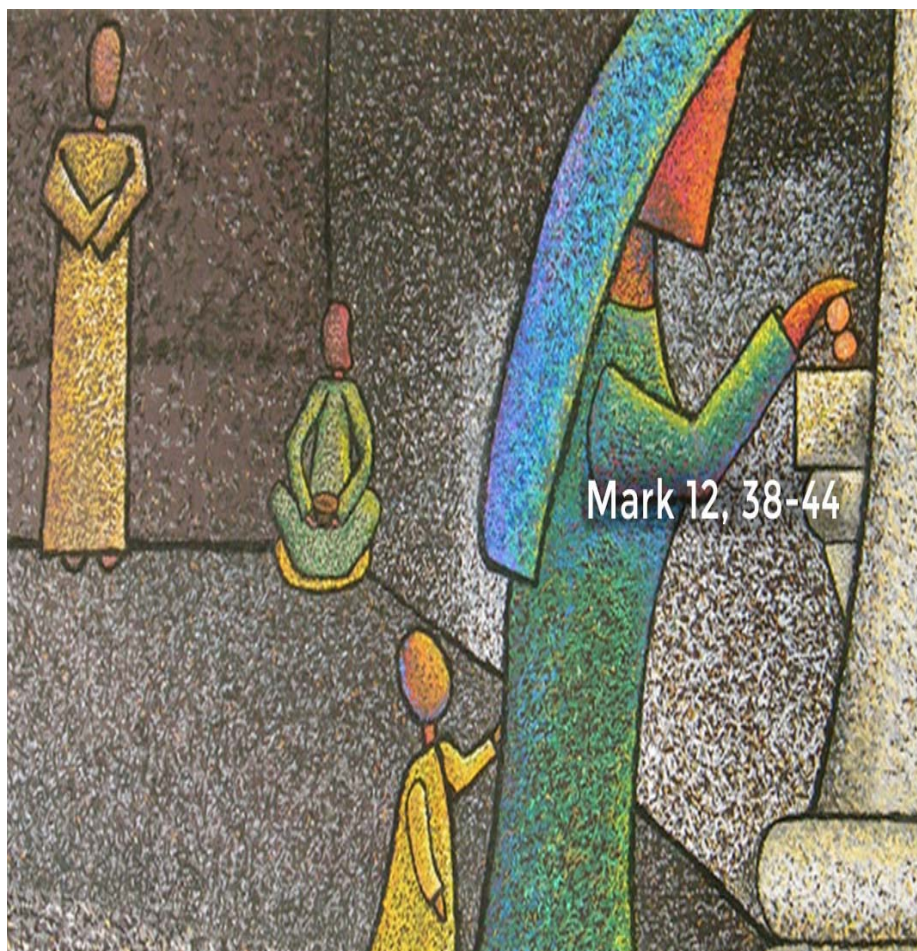




Trinity Lutheran Church



Mark 12, 38-44

November
10
2024

The Twenty-fifth
Sunday of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

For all of them
have contributed
out of their abun-
dance; but she out
of her poverty has
put in everything
she had, all she
had to live on.

Mark 12:44

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We are glad you are here!

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...our beginning and our end.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come in truth...freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C **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.**

P These words are trustworthy and true...rejoice in your salvation.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

- 1 As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
- 2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
- 3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

ELW PAGE 138

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast

ELW PAGE 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God...our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 1:8-16

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

Sung responsively



¹ Hal- | lelujah!

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 re- | turn 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 promis- | es 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

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go*

ELW PAGE 142

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW 707

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
- 4 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

P Together, with the whole church..., let us confess our faith.

ELW PAGE 127

THE PRAYERS

A Rooted in God's abundant love,...and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Renew,...Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers,...through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

ELW 181

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

A Let us pray. Lord Jesus...trusting in your name.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 144

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 146

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:

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2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,

watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Faithful God,...our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Ancient One...bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

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Upcoming Events



+On November 17, we will hold a **second Town Hall meeting** to discuss the future of Trinity. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. We need your hopes and ideas.

+Now is time to place your order for poinsettias. The deadline is tomorrow, November 11, to get the best price. Please see the order form in the bulletin insert. The cost of each plant is \$9.



+Thanksgiving Eve will be celebrated November 27, 7pm, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Pr. Barb will be preaching.

+Advent begins on December 1st. After worship that Sunday, we will decorate the Christmas trees. All are welcome to stay and help.

+We will celebrate the beginning of Advent with a midweek event on December 4th, 5pm. We will begin with the Holden Evening Prayer service in the sanctuary, followed by a potluck meal in Fellowship Hall and some other activities. If you'd like to share, you may bring a nativity scene to serve as a table centerpiece or a favorite recipe to share.



+The following Wednesdays in Advent—December 11 and December 18—will be on Facebook Live or Zoom, or both. The time is yet to be determined.



+Christmas Eve worship will be at 4pm on December 24th. There will not be a service on Christmas Day.

+Pr. Barb will be gone on December 29th so we will have a service of carols and scripture for worship that day.



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10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

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