

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>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.

**Psalm 146**

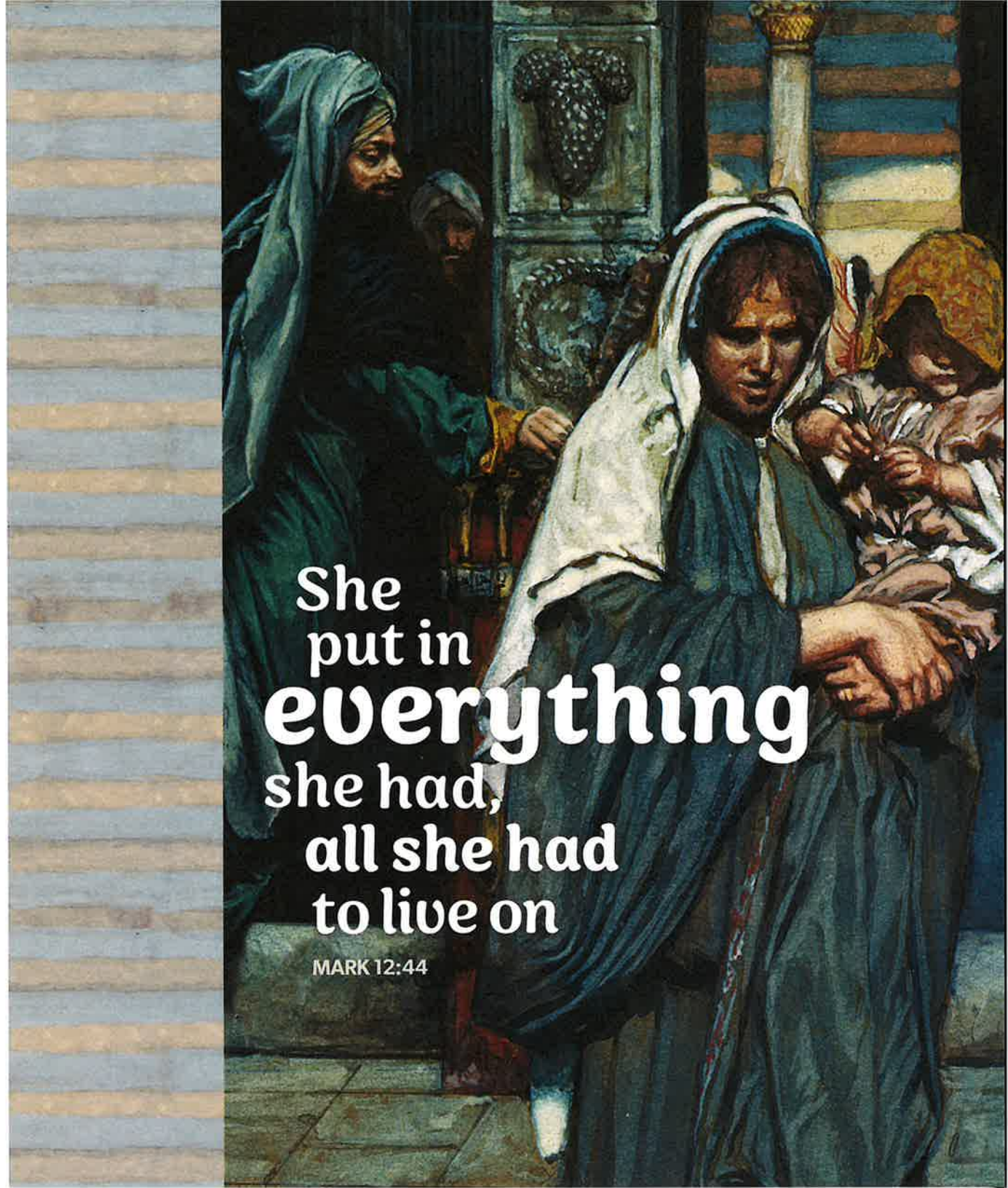
**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

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. <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>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.”



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MARK 12:44

Next Sunday's Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

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*Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.*

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** as we worship together in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Savior, and the Holy Ghost.

**Prayer before Worship:** Heavenly Father, listen to our hearts, for the words spoken and those left unsaid, that you may know our needs and have us understand the needs of those around us. Amen.

**Pastor Ed is working in the church office** on Friday mornings from 10:30-ish – noon. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.**

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper,** (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to [ckwilson1983@gmail.com](mailto:ckwilson1983@gmail.com) or [immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com](mailto:immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com)

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Jerry Kukuck

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Organist: Cindy Wilson

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Suzie Kukuck

Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Ushers/Acolytes: Acer Kratochvil, Kasen Casson

Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview),

## *Announcements*

**For the Family and friends of Loren Powell** - a Celebration of Life service for Loren on Saturday, November 23rd at the fire station in Cooksville from 12:00 -3:00 pm. Marcia Buchs will speak at noon followed by a meal.

**We continue to add families to our new directory that will be accessible to all members online.** There is an introduction on the preceding page, but in order for you to access it, administrators need to have an email address listed for yourself or your family. The insert highlights the minimum information that we need to get us started. (We already have names and addresses from our church software program.) Sending an email to Cindy Wilson, Erin Ifft, or Marcia Buchs gives us permission to include you in the directory and then we can get started with your profile. You may also email us with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Thank you to those who have already joined in.**

**The Baby Fold has a Wish List** from children who are hoping to have a Merry Christmas this year. Similar to the Adopt-a Family program, you may view the lists from children who have requested certain items, or you may also donate to the Baby Fold so that others may shop on your behalf. They also have volunteer opportunities for anyone willing to help process and distribute the gifts they receive. To learn more, please go to [thebabyfold.org](http://thebabyfold.org)

**Please help us update our lists of Worship Service Volunteers.** The current lists of Readers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, and Acolyte/Ushers can be found on the kitchen counter. We are especially in need of more volunteers for Communion Assistants and Acolyte/Ushers.

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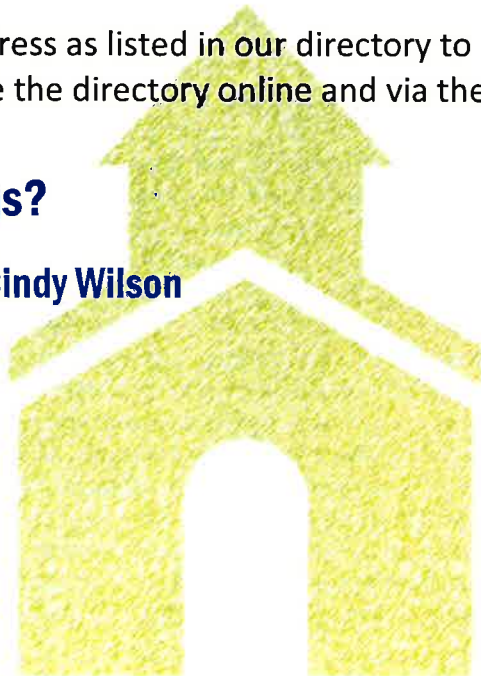
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There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

### Need help or have questions?

Please contact **Marcia Buchs** or **Cindy Wilson**



## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Gathering*

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -  
Please stand as you are able*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has 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: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

HYMN

*Day By Day*

ELW 790

\*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

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

ELW page 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung)* C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 870

Women: ***We Praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.***

Men: ***We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.***

All: ***With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!***

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

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*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.*

*After the reading . . .* L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

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*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.*

*After the reading . . .* L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

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*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ed Hudelson

HYMN OF DAY

**Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

ELW 707

\*CREED *Please stand as you are able*

ELW page 104

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 CHURCH

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

*After each petition:* P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. . .

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

ELW 186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

**C: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world.**

**Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

*Sending*

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

\*BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN

**Soon and Very Soon**

ELW 439

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE