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1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]  
November 3, 2024



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## GATHERING

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- **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Pr Mel Musser**

- **REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS**

P: In holy baptism God makes us saints and gives us a new identity. In Holy Communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today, we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” Recalling our own Baptism, we remember we have been sealed by the Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. We will read the names of our dearly departed saints in groups of 3. After each group of names is read the bell will toll. Please respond in faith that they are “**Here with Us.**”

*(The list of names is read aloud...)*

### All Saints Day List 2024

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Catherine Fourman	Urban Dirksen	Gerold Fourman
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Martha Allread	Dan Billenstein	Donna Thompson
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Kenneth Rismiller	Irma Arling	Jeff Hagen
Mary Angles	Janet Ehlers	Edward Trick
Gene Thompson	Greg Price	Nick Bucholtz
Mark Ford	Danny Niswander	Sandra Thompson
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Kenny Cates	Russ Julian	Jim Smith
Larry Fourman	Jack Christ	Phyllis Hess
Darlene Salazar	Tilden Moore	Jerald Netzley
Winnie Netzley	Time Netzley	Jon Netzley
Everett Baker	Ruth Baker	

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods—possessions, people, media, and other distractions. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.**

P: Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

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\* **GATHERING HYMN**    **“For All the Saints”**    **Vs. 1, 2, 4**    **LBW 174**



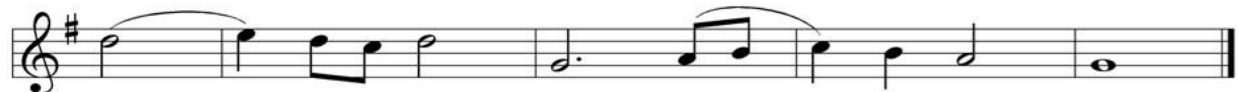
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,  
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



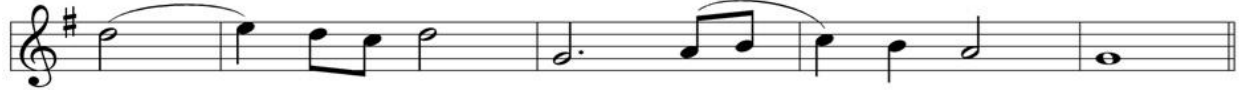
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;



yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**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**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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 mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of steadfast love, thank you for your provision in times of need, just as you provided for the widow of Zarephath. You are always faithful. Help us to trust in your everlasting care. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

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**WORD**

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## • CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**Theme:** Trusting God  
**Materials:** Some Bird Seed  
**Scripture:** 1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]

Hello boys and girls! I hope you all had a great week! Can you guess what I have in my hand? It's a bag of birdseed. Feeding birds is a very popular activity. Lots of people feed birds, but have you ever heard of birds feeding a person? That's exactly what our lesson is about today.

Elijah was one of God's prophets from the Old Testament times when there was a very wicked king in Israel by the name of Ahab. Because of the evil things Ahab was doing, Elijah told him there would be no dew or rain for several years until God gave the word. Because of what Elijah told him, Ahab hated him and wanted to hurt him. The Lord said to Elijah, "Go and hide by the creek where it enters the Jordan River. There you will have plenty to drink and you will eat what the ravens bring to you. God commanded the birds to take food to Elijah every day.

Now, let's think about this for a moment. How would you feel if God told you to go somewhere and trust that birds would bring you food? Sounds sort of crazy doesn't it? Sometimes, God asks us to do things that seem odd or different, but God always has a good reasons. Elijah knew trusting God was important, so he did what God told him to do and camped beside the creek. Guess what happened? Every morning and evening the birds brought bread and meat for Elijah to eat and he had plenty to drink just as God had promised him.

One day, the creek where Elijah was staying dried up because there was no rain, but God still had a plan for Elijah. He told him to go to a town called Zarephath, where a widow would give him food and water. Elijah trusted God and went to the town. When he arrived, he saw a woman gathering sticks. He asked her for some water and bread. The woman told him that she only had a little flour and oil left, just enough for her and her son. Elijah told her not to worry and to trust God. He said if she made him some bread first, God would make sure she had enough flour and oil for her and her son until the rains came. The woman trusted God and did what Elijah asked. And just like Elijah said, the flour and oil never ran out. They had enough food to eat until the rain came back.

This story teaches us a lot about trusting God. Both Elijah and the widow had to trust God even when things seemed impossible. We can remember to trust God in our own lives, too. God loves us and wants the best for us, so we can trust God will always be there to guide us and take care of us.

Let us pray... Father, help us to trust in you and do what you tell us to do. We know that you will care for us just as you cared for your prophet Elijah. Amen.

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• **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]**

R: Our scripture reading is from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, Chapter 17.

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

**17** Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” <sup>2</sup>The word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” <sup>5</sup>So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. <sup>7</sup>But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, 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.

[<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>He cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into

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him again.”<sup>22</sup>The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.”<sup>24</sup>So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”]

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

- **SERMON**

**Pr. Mel Musser**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Savior and our Lord, Jesus Christ, amen.

What a great story to have before us on All Saints Sunday. (SLIDE) Elijah, one of the greatest Prophets of the Old Testament, is also one of the first names to come to mind when I think of who and what the Saints and All Saints Sunday are really all about. Before we take a deep dive into today’s scripture, we all might benefit from a short background and some context for today’s reading. Under King David all 12 tribes of Israel came together to form one consolidated Kingdom. (SLIDE) After King Solomon sinned by marrying many foreign wives and setting up temples for their worship God’s Holy protection was withdrawn and the Kingdom became divided into the northern Kingdom of Israel and the southern Kingdom of Judah. Ahab was King of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. One chapter earlier in the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings we’re told God has declared King Ahab to be evil in God’s sight because he married Jezebel and then introduced the worship of the false god Baal. (SLIDE) The Bible tells us “Ahab did more to provoke the

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anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than had all the kings of Israel who were before him” (1 Kgs. 16:33) and leading God’s people into the worship of this false god called Baal was chief among the things that raised God’s wrath to new heights. Among Baal’s many characteristics was the ability to bring rain. Baal was a god of rain. (SLIDE) So, when Elijah announced God’s plan to bring a severe draught upon the land, it was a direct confrontation with King Ahab, Queen Jezebel, and a challenge to their god Baal.

As our story for today begins, Elijah has only recently informed Ahab his actions have brought a drought upon Israel. Mount Carmel is known as the place where Elijah hid from Jezebel and her warriors. (SLIDE) This map shows where Mount Carmel is located in relation to the town of Zarephath. Elijah told King Ahab this drought would not be lifted except upon God’s command. After he delivered this message, God instructed Elijah to hide in the Wadi Cherith. The picture on the right side is from our trip to the Holy Lands back in 2006. The wadi Elijah was told to hide near is this tiny creek in the picture. It seems to be a pleasant enough place. There was water to drink, and “ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening.” The problem was that because of Ahab’s wickedness, God brought a huge drought on Israel and it fell on the just and the unjust. It falls on the Wadi Cherith too. It falls on Elijah, who was hiding there. Elijah needs another option... He needs a plan B.

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My experience with God's Plans has been bittersweet. Sometimes you have to go through the bitter to get to the sweet. I'm certain it wasn't all sugar plums and unicorns trying to survive a Godly draught, even if you're hiding out in a well-watered wadi. I mean relying on wild birds, Ravens no less, to provide for your daily bread and meat... Today, the only thing I want to have to do with Ravens is to watch my Browns beat them... (SLIDE) Nevertheless, I'm certain Elijah was happy to receive the bread and meat twice a day...

This draught was so severe even the wadi where Elijah was hiding out dried up. Enter God's Plan b... God sends Elijah, a wilderness living, wild man, into the town of Zarephath. Now, at this point in the story, my mind goes back to my seminary days and one particular professor who always asked us to come up with Headlines, like from a newspaper story for each of our Bible stories. (SLIDE) So, my headline or hook for this story is "Widows, Orphans, and Strangers!" God provided a certain widow from the town of Zarephath, to meet and care for this wild-man prophet. In ancient times when the father dies, leaving a wife and children, the children were considered orphans because they didn't have an adult male to provide for their needs. Single mothers typically were not able to provide for their children. The meeting of the wild man prophet with the Widow and her orphan son, was far more than a chance meeting. Elijah stayed with this widow and son for at least a couple of years, maybe longer. When they first met, Elijah,

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the wild man prophet of God tested out this widow's situation and her willingness to serve God by asking for a sip of water and a morsel of bread. Imagine Elijah's initial reaction when she tells him she's gathering sticks to make a fire so she can cook up the last of her meal and oil to make a small cake so she and her son might eat it and then die of starvation. I imagine Elijah going back to God in prayer asking if there might be a Plan C... God, surely this can't be your plan... You sent me to this poor widow who is unable to even provide for the 2 of them. How will she ever provide for the three of us? God's answer to Elijah's prayer was to refresh the oil and the meal jugs each and every day. Others were starving because of Ahab's sin, but God still provided for his prophet and for the Widow and her orphaned son. I believe there is ample Biblical evidence that God favors not just widows and orphans, but all people who are oppressed or impoverished.

The miracles in this story just keep coming. After a time, the son dies. (SLIDE) The Widow is distraught as you can imagine. Imagine the pain of a woman who has now lost both her husband and her only son. It certainly must have been unbearable. The grief must have permeated every nook and cranny of the house until Elijah couldn't take it one more minute. He took the corpse upstairs and covered the boy's body with his own three times, while each time beseeching God to intervein. Intervein, God did! The boy was brought back to life and given back to his mother. Sorrow turned to joy in an instant!

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Elijah was most certainly one of God's Saints. At the end of his life, God brought him directly to heaven in a chariot of fire no less. (SLIDE) I wish I had the faith and the trust in God of Elijah. Food provided by Ravens and then unending meal and oil for bread. God provided each and every thing Elijah needed, every step along the way. We worship a God who provides for us, not a God who requires sacrifice to earn Gods love and friendship.

God used Elijah to bring a son back to his mother even as God used the Widow to sustain Elijah's own life. You see, God had big things in store for Elijah. I wish I had the courage to stand up to evil powerful men like Elijah did to King Ahad. Because of Elijah's faith, God was able to use him for some pretty impressive miracles. Raising the dead was only the beginning. (SLIDE) The rest of the story of Elijah includes slaying all of the prophets of Baal. Remember the story about the fire from heaven that consumed the bull on the altar even after it had been doused with and soaked in water. All while the prophets of Baal were humiliated and embarrassed because their god couldn't even muster up a single spark on their altar.

Elijah was one of the Saints, but there were countless others. Today, you are all numbered among the Saints as well. Maybe you'll never be fed from the beak of a raven or raise a dead person back to life. Maybe you'll never be called on to stand up to evil in our day. Maybe you won't even have to experience famine,

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draught or poverty. One thing I know for sure, we will all experience the pain and the sting of death. God isn't in the business of changing the physical laws of nature in most cases. Yes, miracles still happen, but they are rare and I don't believe we can count on God sparing the lives of every single person we pray for. While that may be true, the good news for us today is that God is most certainly in the business of granting forgiveness of our sins and offering us eternal life beginning now. Because of God's lovingkindness and his grace, we are the Saints God has called and promised to care for and to love forever. The death of the widow's son in our story was tragic, but his death wasn't the end of the story. Elijah raising him back to life wasn't the end either. The end of the story hadn't been written yet. When God raised Jesus from the dead, a whole new promise, and whole new covenant was made between God and mankind. (SLIDE) Death is no longer the end. It's merely a gateway into eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Now that's a great way to write an ending...

May the faith of Elijah the prophet of God inspire all the Saints today to trust in God for all things. May the Saints who helped form our faith rest in the eternal care of their God and our God. At the last, may we all be brought into the great communion of Saints to take our place at the table for the festival given in honor of God's only begotten Son, our Savior and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

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**\* NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in your eternal love, we pray for all the world.

*A brief silence.*

L: We pray for deepened trust in you. When we face challenging times, remind us of your faithfulness and love. Help us to trust in your abundance, even in times of scarcity, and help us to be generous towards others. Merciful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for the waters of the earth. Protect lakes, streams, oceans, and all bodies of water. Help us to be good stewards of water for the wellbeing of all living things. Merciful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for leaders and those in positions of authority. Teach them humility and remind them they serve a wide array of people. Help them listen to the

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voices of others. As many of us go out to vote for our next leaders this week, give us discerning hearts and minds to elect the best candidate who will serve with equity and justice for all people. Merciful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for all who are lonely or isolated. Support them in finding connection in a caring place. Help them form new relationships and find joy in community. Be with all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially...*) Merciful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for students and learners of all ages. Give them opportunities to learn and grow in safe and nurturing environments. Help them find joy in all of their pursuits. Merciful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We pray for inspiration from the lives of your saints. May their witness remind us of the power of hope and resilience, and may their commitment to your ways be an example for us to follow. Merciful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust all our prayers, spoken and unspoken to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

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## MEAL

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• **OFFERING**

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at [www.pitsburgtlc.org](http://www.pitsburgtlc.org) where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

\* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...Sustaining God, you give us all we need not just to survive, but to flourish. In gratitude and joy we bring these, our gifts, before you. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, and bless them for the work of justice and love in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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\* **DIALOGUE**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

\* **THE PREFACE**

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\* **THE SANCTUS**

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food. With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations. With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth. With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

P: 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.

P: With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen. Amen! With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen. Amen! With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen. Amen! With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the presence of the body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek. With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal, and especially with all our beloved saints who impacted and helped to form our faith, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself. Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever.

**C: Amen**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we pray as Jesus taught...

**C: 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.**

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\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God who sustained the Widow of Zarephath through the drought now invites you to this holy meal, where you will be sustained on the body and blood of Christ Jesus, fully present here at this table. Come when invited and be nourished for the journey ahead.

• **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion is at the rail. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:* **Amen.**

\* **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

\* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... 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.

**C: Amen**

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## SENDING

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- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* **SENDING BLESSING**

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

C: **Amen.**

- \* **SENDING HYMN**                      **“Rise Up, O Saints of God”**                      **LBW 383**



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

- \* **DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

- \* **POSTLUDE**

**Roxanne Groff**

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Parrish Nurse	PJ Musser
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Secretary	Sharon Fourman
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### *This Week @ Trinity – November 3 thru November 10:*

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Sun, Nov. 3</b>	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
<b>Mon, Nov. 4</b>	7:30 pm	Dartball at EUM #2
<b>Wed, Nov. 6</b>	11:30 am	WELCA Meeting
<b>Thurs, Nov. 7</b>	10:00 am	Youth & Family Ministry Meeting
<b>Fri, Nov. 8</b>	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
<b>Sun, Nov. 10</b>	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Thankoffering Service
	2:30 pm	Christmas Auction at Erdmann's

### *Save The Date!*

<b>November 10 @ 2:30 pm</b>	Christmas Auction at Erdmann's – 1385 Littles Rd., Arcanum
<b>November 17 @ 12:00 pm</b>	Trinity Troops
<b>November 19 @ 2:30 pm</b>	Community Blood Drive at Trinity
<b>November 21 @ 11:30 am</b>	Ladies & Gents Luncheon @ Tolly's Gastropub, 644 Wagner Ave., Greenville
<b>November 27 @ 7:00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Trinity
<b>December 4, 11, 18 @ 6:00 pm</b>	Advent Soup Suppers/Devotions
<b>December 13 &amp; 14 (10 am-8 pm)</b>	Bell Ringing at Walmart South
<b>December 18 @ 9:30 am</b>	GRCC Soup Kitchen

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]

**Health Tips for the Week**

**BODY:** Use weight resistance training to help prevent osteoporosis.

**MIND:** Use outside resources to help balance home and work.

**SPIRIT:** Say something nice to yourself.



**Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

**Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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