

Trinity Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 25th -- anno Domini 2022

God sent Elijah to Zaraphath, which belonged to Sidon. This was where the Canaanites were driven during the conquest of Israel in the days of Joshua. This was also the area where the wicked queen Jezebel was from. God sent him to a widow who would feed him. But when Elijah arrived, the widow told him that she had only enough flour and oil for her and her son. They were going to eat it and then starve. But Elijah told her to make him some bread first before she makes some for her and her son. And he added this promise from the Lord: "The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil be dried up until the day the Lord sends rain upon the earth." Elijah taught her that the soul is more than food. The body is more than clothing. Listen first to God's promise, and everything else will be added unto you. God kept his promise to this widow, even raising her son when he died.

God teaches us to trust in him as our Father who provides for our every need. And then he promises to raise us up even when we die. What is God doing when he teaches us this? He is inviting us to trust in him against all the evidence. Here is a woman in a pagan land run by a pagan king. When so few believe and confess the true God of Israel, this is when God tests and proves our faith. She had nothing but the Word of God spoken by the prophet. And she didn't merely acknowledge that it was true, as if it is some tidbit in a textbook. Even more so, she trusted in it. She depended on it. In her pathetic state she took refuge in it. This is how God tests our faith. He teaches us that we have nothing more to gain from this earth, but we have everything to gain from God's promise. And this promise is fulfilled for us in Christ who has come with his kingdom and righteousness to take away sin and raise us up with him from the chains of death. Paul says, "Those who are taught the Word share all good things with those who teach." Because by doing so you are confessing that the bread in your cupboard and the money in your bank is nothing compared to the gospel of salvation proclaimed to you. So seek this first. It will not run out.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ✨ *Commit Whatever Grieves Thee*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word

Introit

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, | hear me;*

You are my God; save Your servant who | trusts in You!

Be merciful to | me, O Lord,*

for I cry to You | all day long. (*Psalm 86:1-3*)

Rejoice the soul of Your | servant,*

for to You, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*

and attend to the voice of my suppli- | cations.

You, O Lord, are a God full of com- | passion,*

oh, turn to me, and have mercy up- | on me!

Give Your strength to Your | servant,*

and save the son of Your | maidservant. (*Psalm 86:4, 6, 15-16*)



Gloria Patri ✨ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ✨ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ✨ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading - 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the LORD spoke to him: ⁹"Leave and go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there. I've ordered a widow there to feed you."

¹⁰He left and went to Zarephath. As he came to the gate of the town, a widow was gathering wood, and he called to her: "Please bring a little water in a jar for me to drink." ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called to her again: "Please bring me a bite of bread." ¹²"As the LORD your God lives," she answered, "I don't have anything baked; only a handful of flour in the jar and a little oil in the jug. I'm gathering a few sticks. I will go and prepare something for myself and my boy so we may eat it and then die."

¹³"Don't be afraid," Elijah told her. "Go and do as you said, but first make me a little cake of it, bring it to me, and after that prepare something for yourself and your boy."

¹⁴The LORD, the God of Israel, says this: 'The jar of flour will never get empty, and the jug will never lack oil until the LORD sends rain on the land.' "

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel - Matthew 6:24-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be loyal to the one and despise the other. You can't serve God and money."

²⁵"So I tell you, don't worry about what you'll eat or drink to keep alive or what you'll wear on your bodies. Isn't life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

²⁶"Look at the birds in the air. They don't sow or cut grain or gather anything into barns; but your Father in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they?"

²⁷"Can any of you by worrying add anything to your life?"

²⁸"And why worry about clothes? See how the flowers grow in the field, and learn from them. They don't work and they don't spin. ²⁹Yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory didn't dress like one of these. ³⁰If that's how God dresses the grass in the field, which lives today and tomorrow is thrown into a stove, how much more certainly will He put clothes on you — you who trust Him so little?"

³¹"Don't worry, then, and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or, 'What are we going to drink?' or, 'What are we going to wear?' ³²The people of the world run after all these things. Your Father in heaven knows you need them all. ³³Seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you, too."

³⁴"So, don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Nicene Creed

Sit

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Hymn of the Day *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Sit

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Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward
We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

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Sanctus ☞ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini ☞ *Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei ☞ *Lamb of God*

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Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.

Hymns during Distribution

☞ *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared*

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☞ *All Depends on Our Possessing*

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☞ *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread*

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Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis ☞ *Song of Simeon*

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Thanksgiving & Collect

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Salutation & Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Sit

Hymn to Depart ☞ *Commit Whatever Greives Thee*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today:

Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer

Next week:

John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten, Adam Swann

Greeter for today:

Next Week:

Andrew Rethemeyer

Acolyte today:

Alton Swann

Next Week:

Evan Scheer

Flower and Altar Care: **October:** Carol Finck & Linda Kaskadden

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Rudy and Ramona Ruediger, 27th, Reid Lueckenhoff, 29th, Ken & Linda Kaskadden, 1st, David Otten, 1st

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Prayer and Petitions: Devin Eads, recovery from surgery. New Haven Care Center: Wilma Niewald and Donna Bell. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Barb Sunfield, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Rev. James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Vicarage.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class: All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome. We meet after 3:00 p.m. for snacks and kickball. Our opening is at 3:45 p.m., and classes run until 5:00 p.m. We will conclude Wednesday School/Catechism Class with a brief Vespers service. All are invited to attend these. During Advent and Lent, the Vespers services will be at their regular time, 7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting October 16th after the divine service.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Haven, is pleased to announce that Rev. James Wilshusen will be installed as Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on October 2, 2022 at 3 pm. A Shared Ministry has been formed between Ebenezer Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Pastor Wilshusen will serve as Pastor of both congregations. Your congregation is cordially invited to the Installation Service. A dinner and fellowship time will follow the service.

Immanuel Lutheran Church – Men's Ministry Retreat. Join us **October 14th - 16th** at **Camp Trinity** in New Haven. Pastor Jeffrey Hemmer, author of *Man-Up*, will be the keynote speaker at the retreat. "This book is a call to fix your eyes and your hope on the Man up on the cross and to find in His selfless sacrifice the perfect example for manliness in our self-indulgent, self-centered society." The cost is \$50 per person and will include room and board as well as all meals and drinks. Activities will include ax throwing, golf accuracy, shooting accuracy, fishing, and other fun games. Call the church office at Immanuel at 636-239-4705 to sign up. See bulletin in entryway for more details.

Adult Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Study of Acts. All are invited to attend.

Thursday Evening Confessions Study at parsonage at 6:00 p.m.

A Week-long devotion series by Pastor Preus is downloaded to website. Copies are also available on the Usher's stand.

Please send any **announcements** to office@trinitynewhaven.com.

Prayer requests can also be sent to the office email or directly to Pastor Preus.

Weekly Sermons, Bulletins, and Devotions posted at www.trinitynewhaven.com.

The Large Catechism

The Ten Commandments

(Continued)

The Fourth Commandment

175 If that were done, God would also richly bless us and give us grace to train men by whom land and people might be improved, and likewise well-educated citizens, chaste and domestic wives, who afterwards would rear godly children and servants. 176 Here consider now what deadly injury you are doing if you be negligent and fail on your part to bring up your child to usefulness and piety, and how you bring upon yourself all sin and wrath, thus earning hell by your own children, even though you be otherwise pious and holy. 177 And because this is disregarded, God so fearfully punishes the world that there is no discipline, government, or peace, of which we all complain, but do not see that it is our fault; for as we train them, we have spoiled and disobedient children and subjects. Let this be sufficient exhortation; for to draw this out at length belongs to another time.

The Fifth Commandment

179 Thou shalt not kill.

180 We have now completed both the spiritual and the temporal government, that is, the divine and the paternal authority and obedience. But here now we go forth from our house among our neighbors to learn how we should live with one another, every one himself toward his neighbor. 181 Therefore God and government are not included in this commandment, nor is the power to kill, which they have, taken away. For God has delegated His authority to punish evil-doers to the government instead of parents, who aforesaid (as we read in Moses) were required to bring their own children to judgment and sentence them to death. Therefore, what is here forbidden is forbidden to the individual in his relation to any one else, and not to the government.

182 Now this commandment is easy enough, and has been often treated, because we hear it annually in the Gospel of St. Matthew 5:21ff, where Christ Himself explains and sums it up, namely, that we must not kill, neither with hand, heart, mouth, signs, gestures, help, nor counsel. Therefore it is here forbidden to every one to be angry, except those (as we said) who are in the place of God, that is, parents and the government. For it is proper for God and for every one who is in a divine estate to be angry, to reprove and punish, namely, on account of those very persons who transgress this and the other commandments.

Continued next week