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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 Morning Service

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

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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

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

<sup>10</sup>He 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." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called to her again: "Please bring me a bite of bread." <sup>12</sup>"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."

<sup>13</sup>"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."

<sup>14</sup>The 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.' "

<sup>15</sup>She went and did what Elijah told her, and so she, he, and her family ate for a long while. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour never got empty, and the jug never lacked olive oil, as the LORD had promised by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

It is better to trust / in the LORD\*  
than to put confi- / dence in man.

**It is better to trust / in the LORD\***  
**than to put confidence in / princes.** (Psalm 118:8–9)



### Epistle - Galatians 5:25 – 6:10

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, challenge one another and become jealous of one another.

<sup>6:1</sup>My fellow Christians, if you find anyone doing wrong, you who are spiritual should set him right. But be gentle and keep an eye on yourself; you may be tempted, too. <sup>2</sup>Help one another carry these burdens, and so do everything the Law of Christ demands.

<sup>3</sup>If anyone thinks he's something when he's nothing, he's fooling himself.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone should examine his own work. Then he will have something in himself that deserves praise, without comparing himself with anyone else. <sup>5</sup>Everyone will have to carry his own burden.

<sup>6</sup>If someone teaches you the Word, share all your good things with your teacher. <sup>7</sup>Don't make a mistake; you can't fool God. Whatever you sow, you'll reap. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to please your own flesh, you will from your flesh reap destruction. If you sow to please the Spirit, you will from the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not get tired of doing good. At the right time we'll reap if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup>So whenever we have a chance, let us do good to everyone but especially to the household of believers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

Alle- / luia.\*

Alle- / luia.

**Oh, come, let us sing / to the LORD!\***

**Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Alle- / luia.** (Psalm 95:1)



## 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.**

<sup>24</sup>"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."

<sup>25</sup>"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?"

<sup>26</sup>"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?"

<sup>27</sup>"Can any of you by worrying add anything to your life?"

<sup>28</sup>"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. <sup>29</sup>Yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory didn't dress like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If 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?"

<sup>31</sup>"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?'" <sup>32</sup>The people of the world run after all these things. Your Father in heaven knows you need them all. <sup>33</sup>Seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you, too.

<sup>34</sup>"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**

**Apostles' Creed**

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Sit

**Hymn of the Day** *↪ What God Ordains is Always Good*

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**Sermon**

Stand

**Offertory**

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Sit

**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.

**Catechism Recitation**

THE NATURE OF BAPTISM

P *What is Baptism?*

C **Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's word.**

P *Which is that word of God?*

C **Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: Go and make disciples of all people: Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Prayers

**General Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Hymn** *↪ I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

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**Concluding Collect**

**Benediction**

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**Hymn to Depart** *↪ Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

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**Silent Prayer**

**Ushers for today:**

James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer

**Next week:**

Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer,  
Michael McFerrin

**Greeter for today:**

Rick Tritch

**Next Week:**

**Acolyte today:**

Evan Scheer

**Next Week:**

Jacob Preus

**Flower and Altar Care:** **September:** Kerri Otten

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Dustin & Nicole Pelster, 20<sup>th</sup>, Ken Kaskadden, 21<sup>st</sup>  
(Please email [office@trinitynewhaven.com](mailto: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:** Kyle Blankenship and Wayne Scheer. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May and Pastor Harold Ristau (missionaries to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Seminarian. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

**Confirmation/Wednesday School** - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

**Trinity will be undergoing some changes/updates in the coming weeks.** Please bear with us as we go through the process of installing new light fixtures, flooring, and painting.

**ATTENTION YOUTH: Washington Circuit Monthly Youth Gatherings at Camp Trinity will resume today, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.** Bible Study, Games, Food, bring friends. Youth in grade 6 through high school are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will continue reading and discussing *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* by Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. "Who your heroes are says a lot about you. 'We live in the shadows of our heroes. We look up to them. We try to live like them. Our heroes encourage and inspire us.' In *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller urges readers to consider not only who their heroes are, but how those heroes shape them." **For all youth who received a copy of the book at the Winter Retreat, please bring it with you to the monthly meeting.**

Camp Trinity address: 439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven.

**October 6 – 8, 2023 at Camp Trinity**

**Immanuel's 2nd Annual Men's Retreat** will be a great weekend for the men of Immanuel and beyond. Our speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann. His topic will focus on resting in Christ in every avenue of our lives. Activities will be similar to last year, with target shooting, fishing, ax throwing, and a corn hole tournament (replacing Frisbee golf). Food will be awesome and fellowship great! Please contact Jason Koogler at [jkoogler88@gmail.com](mailto:jkoogler88@gmail.com) for the rest of the details.

**Hymn Sing opportunity:** Join us this **Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. until noon in the Fellowship Hall of Ebenezer Lutheran Church.** Bring your list of favorite hymns so we can sing them together. We'll strengthen our singing of next month's Reformation Day service as well singing Paul Manz' beautiful "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come". "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

# The Large Catechism

## *The Lord's Prayer*

The Second Petition.

Thy kingdom come.

53 For the coming of God's Kingdom to us occurs in two ways; first, here in time through the Word and faith; and secondly, in eternity forever through revelation. Now we pray for both these things, that it may come to those who are not yet in it, and, by daily increase, to us who have received the same, and hereafter in eternal life. 54 All this is nothing else than saying: Dear Father, we pray, give us first Thy Word, that the Gospel be preached properly throughout the world; and secondly, that it be received in faith, and work and live in us, so that through the Word and the power of the Holy Ghost Thy kingdom may prevail among us, and the kingdom of the devil be put down, that he may have no right or power over us, until at last it shall be utterly destroyed, and sin, death, and hell shall be exterminated, that we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness.

55 From this you perceive that we pray here not for a crust of bread or a temporal, perishable good, but for an eternal inestimable treasure and everything that God Himself possesses; which is far too great for any human heart to think of desiring if He had not Himself commanded us to pray for the same. 56 But because He is God, He also claims the honor of giving much more and more abundantly than any one can comprehend, -like an eternal, unfailling fountain, which, the more it pours forth and overflows, the more it continues to give, -and He desires nothing more earnestly of us than that we ask much and great things of Him, and again is angry if we do not ask and pray confidently.

57 For just as when the richest and most mighty emperor would bid a poor beggar ask whatever he might desire, and were ready to give great imperial presents, and the fool would beg only for a dish of gruel, he would be rightly considered a rogue and a scoundrel, who treated the command of his imperial majesty as a jest and sport, and was not worthy of coming into his presence: so also it is a great reproach and dishonor to God if we, to whom He offers and pledges so many unspeakable treasures, despise the same, or have not the confidence to receive them, but scarcely venture to pray for a piece of bread.

*(continued next week)*