



She
put in
everything
she had,
all she had
to live on

MARK 12:44

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widow's 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 share her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

Prayer As You Enter : *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. Amen.*



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

--*Share God's love with our community*

--*Serve God's children*

--*Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*

--*Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come, all who are anxious or burdened. This is a time to experience good news.

This is God's house, and we can meet God here. We are brought together in the family of God.

Come with expectancy and anticipation. God is present to greet you and change your life.

We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus. We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

Jesus invited saints and sinners to dine with him and to be his friends.

Therefore, Jesus invites us, saints and sinners, to this sacred meal, in which we can taste and see, experience and remember the goodness of our God.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins together.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, 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.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us. Our work is fulfilling, our relationships reflect your faithfulness, and our ability to trust is strengthened. We are here, seeking an extra measure of reassurance, the restoration of our best selves, and the clarification of our responsibilities. You are the builder in whose hands the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us, strengthening us to be the church wherever we live and serve. Be known to us and save all who eagerly await your word; through Christ our Lord.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners 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 watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 12:38-44

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.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“All That We Are & All That We Have!”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

O God, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our elders, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflict and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or under employed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

By your word and sacraments, O God, you have given us a foretaste of the new heaven and new earth that will be ours forever. Strengthen us in this vision that we might draw others to believe in the hope that is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers and the Worship Aids are given in memory of our father's (George N. Royer, Jr.) birthday from his children: Donna Zirkel and Rev. Harry G. Royer.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Rev. Sandy Morris
Money Counters	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Pat Sensenig
Koinonia	Charlene Cristy
Ministries	Card Preschool
	Called to Care Nancy Enders
	Visitation JoAnn Mowrer

This Week at Trinity Church (Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Today Following 10:30 Service – Luncheon & Congregational Mtg.

Monday 10:00 AM—Visitation with Gockley Family
11:00 AM—Memorial Service for Rev. Gockley
6:00 PM – Music Committee
7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM – Bells

Tuesday 11:30 AM – St. Andrew's Get Together
7:00 PM – Property Committee

Wednesday 6:30 PM – Finance Committee
7:00 PM—Finance/Stewardship/Deacons Meeting

Thursday 10:00 AM – Mercersburg
6:00 PM – Scouts
6:30 PM – Executive Com.

Friday 10:30 AM – Preschool Pie Pickup

Saturday 8:00 AM – Men's breakfast at Family Fare
12 Noon – Christmas Crafts & Pizza
8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist
9:00 AM – Sunday School
10:00 AM – Koinonia
10:30 AM – Worship

Worship Attendance, November 3	7:45-15	10:30-76	TOTAL – 91
Sunday School	15		

Happy Birthday!

Thursday – Heather Harley

Saturday – Autumn Shenk

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Rhonda Hartenstine	Janice Jenkins	Betsy Bailey
Betty Fogle	Denise Huggins	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Don & Pat Miller	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Harry Himelwright
Dr. Janet Harriger	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Lainie Christensen
Sam Minder III	Erika Otthofer	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall and family	Michael McDonough
Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger	Kelsey Minnich Burgo	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Rev. David Gockley

The family of Dianne Sick (friend of Judy Chapman)

Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)

Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)

Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)

Alice Palmer (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)

Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)

Glenn Wible (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)

Diana Landefeld (niece of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christesen) & **Joppatowne School**

Joe Harriger (brother of Janet Harriger)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

Carol Hooper (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)

Marlene Harlow (friend of Gail Kogut)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family)

Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)

Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)

Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)

Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)

Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)

Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton
World Peace

THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

STAFF VACATION: Carol Kratz will be on vacation from November 8-12. You can contact Pastor Rankin in the church office or on his cell phone (717-575-0286) during this time.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held TODAY after the 10:30 a.m. service. The kitchen team will provide a luncheon before the meeting. The agenda will include the presentation and adoption of the 2025 budget and election of lay leaders. **Copies of the 2025 budget are available on both floors of the building.**

The following is the report of the nominating committee:

ELDERS (2024-2027)

Sue Bowman (1st term)

Vacancy

ELDERS (2024-2027)

Jeff Hackenberger (filling final year of term)

DEACONS (2024-2027)

John Shelsky (2nd term)

Vacancy

DEACONS (2022-2025)

Lon Wible (filling unexpired term)

DEACONS (2023-2026)

Vacancy

PRESCHOOL BOARD (2024-2027)

Rev. Jack Esbenshade (1st term)

Deb Lichtenwalner (2nd term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER (2023-2026)

Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen (filling unexpired term)

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER PICKUP: Pies will be available for pickup on Friday, November 15th at 10:30 AM

POINSETTIAS: Forms to order poinsettias are available on the table outside the office. **The deadline to order is November 17th.** The cost for each poinsettia is \$6.00.

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETINGS: The men will meet for breakfast on November 16 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office! This is open to all men of the congregation!

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY will be on November 17th. We will collect canned goods at both services for the Lancaster Food Hub (the children will collect the donations at the 10:30 service). The Food Hub needs the following items: **Boxes or bags of rice, instant potatoes, soups (low sodium), peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, and hamburger helper.**

THE PRAYER SHAWL will be meeting on November 19 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.



AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14th. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL COLLECTION

Trinity's Preschool is again looking for some help from the congregation! We are very thankful for your continued support. Here's the list of items needed!

Magnetic Bingo Chips

Stickers (Any kind!)

Dry Erase markers (Wide and skinny)

Cotton Balls

Aluminum Foil

Donated items can be placed in the box near the church office!!!



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1:30 PM

Sign-up sheet on table outside office

TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION—NOVEMBER 24: Trinity will again be assembling meals for our Shut-In members and other at home families. This meal will be the weekend before Thanksgiving - and we are planning a Thanksgiving themed menu. If you are able to help out preparing the meal or are able to deliver the meal, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Hands of all sizes are welcome to help. We will assemble after church until about 1 PM. It shouldn't take more than an hour. Delivery will be immediately following preparation.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lichtenwalner at 717-203-9506.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Cantor Carol Chesler and the members of Temple Beth El (1836 Rohrerstown Road) have invited the area congregations to participate in an Interfaith Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Clergy in the East Petersburg area will be participating in the service. Pastor Rankin is unable to attend the service due to another commitment, so Rev. Sandy Morris will be representing Trinity Church! The members of Temple Beth El will host a fellowship time after the service. Please join Rev. Morris in attending this special service in our community.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: We will have a Service of Word & Sacrament on Thanksgiving Eve (November 27) at 7 p.m. **We are in need of two greeters and four ushers! Contact the church office if you are willing to help!**

ADVENT GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 30



We will prepare Trinity Church for the Advent/Christmas season on November 30. The gathering will begin with light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. After breakfast, we will decorate the church for the season. Our time will conclude with a brief service in the sanctuary.

All help in making this happen is greatly appreciated as we decorate our church for the season. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins!

GRIEF GROUP: Since the first grief group ended in September, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) beginning soon. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT: We heard a presentation in September by Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett about their medical mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Board of Deacons decided that the Undesignated Funds from the recent Our Gifts to Others offering will support this mission project.

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **November 24, December 8, 15 & 29.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **December 24 & 29.** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

“I PROMISE” FORMS are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table across from the church office. Please help us by delivering envelopes to some of our homebound members!

SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net).

Hosted by: **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**
Sponsored by: **Lancaster Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists (AGO)**



Richard E. Fritsch

Memorial Organ Recital

Sunday, November 10, 4:00 PM
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA



Richard E. Fritsch

Join us for a memorial recital in honor of Richard E. Fritsch (1955-2007) played by Dr. Robert C. Horton. The organ is a two manual, 27 rank Dobson pipe organ, Op. 83 (2006). Selections by Franz Liszt and Jehan Alain plus an improvisation on a given melody.

Free-will offering

Go to www.lancasterago.org
for more information.



Dr. Robert C. Horton



25th
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2024-25

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**Highland Chancel Choir and
Orchestra in Gloria**

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 4:00 pm

Once again, the Highland Chancel Choir presents its annual concert on a Sunday afternoon in Christmastime. This year, their performance features Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other traditional favorites for orchestra and chorus. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth with song and string.



***The Kid*: Silent Film with
Don Kinnier, Organist**
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm

Don is known as the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States. His programs are easygoing and feature a large dose of good-natured humor. *The Kid* (1921) stars Charlie Chaplin as a tramp who finds love and acceptance with an orphan and his mother.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION'S HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT:

The Lancaster Association Mission & Ministry Committee (Diane Rice is a member of the committee) is looking for volunteers to partner with the Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat for Humanity.

1. Providing some folks to volunteer at Habitat's newly constructed ReStore home improvement store and donation center on Manheim Pike. This would involve teams to help with the store purchases and stocking of incoming items. **They are looking for volunteers for Saturday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 20. Speak with Pastor Chris if you are interested.**
2. Providing teams to assist with some future construction finishing projects at a site in Lebanon County that is being built. **This would be done in the spring!**

MUSICIANS NEEDED: If you are interested in being part of an instrumental ensemble to play for preludes prior to the Family Service on Christmas Eve, please contact Michael or Dina Slechta by November 12th.



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Concert/Desserts

Featuring
Trinity Church Musicians

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Concert – 2:00 PM
Desserts Following The Concert

*Freewill Offering Benefits
Schreiber Center For Pediatric Development
and Trinity Music Ministry*



FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

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

Psalms 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. ²⁵Nor 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; ²⁶for 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. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so 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, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then 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. ⁴⁴For 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.”

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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