



Encouraging
one another

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HARVEST HOME SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Prayer: *Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

PRELUDE *Prelude on the hymn tune "Kingsfold"* arr. C. McMichael
Jeff Hackenberger & Christine Oetama, violin; Carmen Richards, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We will find strength for living as we praise God.

Let us worship God!

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us approach God with a true heart, in full assurance of God's power to heal and to forgive.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Merciful God, you have loved your people from the beginning of time, desiring that we also love you and our neighbor with fullness of heart. We confess that we have sought wealth or betterment for ourselves, without acting generously toward others. Redirect our commitments, that they might reflect your will for us and your creation. 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)

HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

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(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4-10

This story introduces us to Elkanah, a devout Israelite, and his wife, Hannah, who is unable to have children. God grants Hannah's prayer and she bears a son, Samuel, who will be an important figure in Israel's history. Samuel, the last of Israel's judges, anoints the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

1 Samuel 2:1-10 (Hannah's Canticle)

Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10: 11-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Community of Faith”

Pastor Rankin

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Kenneth Geib	1938, 83 years	Janet Harriger	1966, 55 years
Marge Burger	1948, 73 years	Kathy McCarty	1966, 55 years
Doris Leaman	1948, 73 years	Noreen Trostle	1966, 55 years
Nancy Patton	1948, 73 years	David Connor	1967, 54 years
Dolly Barr	1951, 70 years	Sandy DeLong	1967, 54 years
Pat Seachrist	1953, 68 years	Lynn Dull	1967, 54 years
Mary Witmer	1953, 68 years	Donna Geisler	1967, 54 years
Dorothy Fasnacht	1954, 67 years	Peter Rohrer	1967, 54 years
Patsy Miller	1954, 67 years	Ron Denlinger	1968, 53 years
Doug Shaab	1955, 66 years	Gregory Gruber	1968, 53 years
Tobe Rohrer	1957, 63 years	Janice Jenkins	1968, 53 years
George DeLong	1958, 63 years	Kenneth Jenkins	1968, 53 years
Mary Lou Shaab	1958, 63 years	Jane Portser	1968, 53 years
Jane Starr	1958, 63 years	Carmen Richards	1968, 53 years
Mary Ann Bradley	1959, 62 years	Jerry Richards	1968, 53 years
Roger Alan Bradley	1959, 62 years	Gale Long	1969, 52 years
Larry Lee Brown	1959, 62 years	Donna Wolf	1969, 52 years
Ellie Latsha	1962, 59 years	Denise Gobrecht	1970, 51 years
George Latsha	1962, 59 years	Donald Huber	1970, 51 years
Stan Seachrist	1962, 59 years	Rosemary Huber	1970, 51 years
Mike Wagner	1962, 59 years	Jodi Keller	1970, 51 years
Sue Husted	1963, 58 years	Cherie Cataldi	1970, 51 years
Don Miller	1963, 58 years	Diane Minnich	1970, 51 years
David Krantz	1965, 56 years	JoAnn Mowrer	1970, 51 years
Sam Minder, Jr.	1965, 56 years	Eugene Hartenstine	1971, 50 years
Donna Denlinger	1966, 55 years	Ronda Hartenstine	1971, 50 years

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(KNEELING OR SEATED)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

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.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

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.

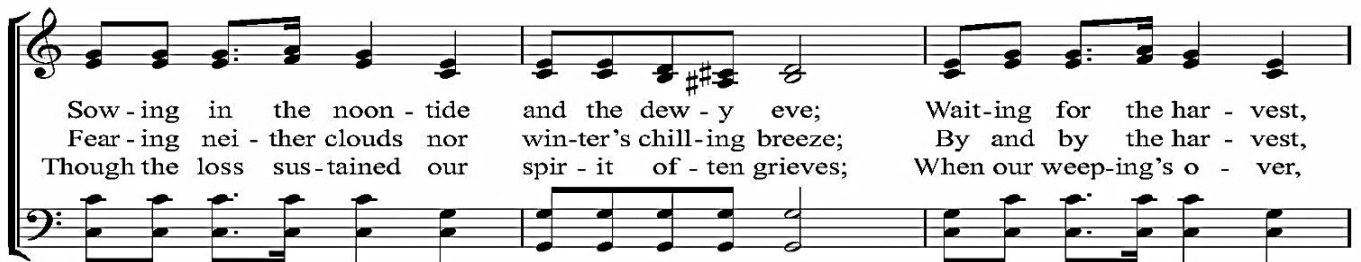
CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

Bringing in the Sheaves



1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness,
2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows,
3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter,

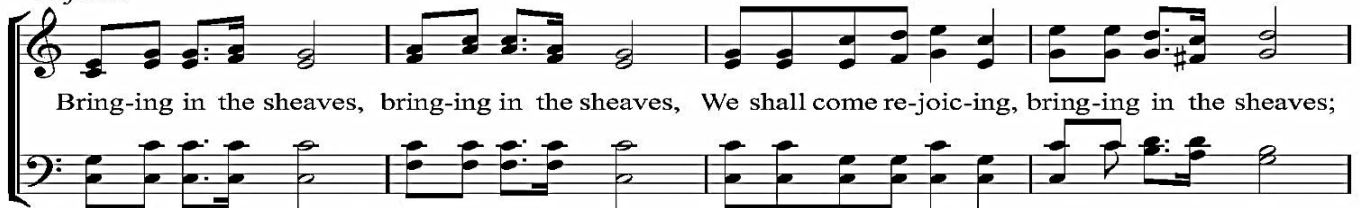


Sow - ing in the noon - tide and the dew - y eve; Wait - ing for the har - vest,
Fear - ing nei - ther clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest,
Though the loss sus - tained our spir - it of - ten grieves; When our weep - ing's o - ver,



and the time of reap - ing, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
and the la - bor end - ed, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
He will bid us wel - come, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

Refrain



Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves;



Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
(from "Cantata 79")

J. S. Bach



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers & The Worship Aids are given memory of our father's (George N. Royer, Jr.) birthday on November 13 from his children: Joan M. Sleet, Donna R. Zirkel, and Rev. Harry G. Royer.

Greeting Ushers: Mike Wagner, Shelley Wagner, Charlene Cristy, Stan & Pat Seachrist

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor

Building Trustee: Pat Sensenig

Lector: Jerry Richards

Thank you to Christine Oetama, Jef Hackenberger, and Carmen Richards for sharing their musical gifts.

Happy Birthday!

Today – Heather Harley

Tuesday – Autumn Shenk

Wednesday – Megan Good

Thursday – Stan Seachrist

Friday – Donna Zirkel, Sean McKelvey

Attendance for Sun., Nov. 7	8:00–17	10:30–64	TOTAL-81
Sunday School	15		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today 11:45 AM Congregational Mtg.

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Finance Committee

Thursday 12:00 Noon – Lunch with Pastor

Saturday 8:00 AM – 4 PM Lifeline

7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Eucharist

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Denny Eberly, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Ann Wolf (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), the Brennan family, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Joyce Becker, Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Paul Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), 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), Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Linda Brown (sister of Mike Wagner), Jose Arroyo (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Sam & Rosemary Minder, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, Hilma Slechta, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

As we continue to resurrect community again in the life of our church, Pastor Rankin is inviting members to have lunch in Isenberg Hall on Thursday, November 18 from noon-1 p.m. You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

CROP WALK: The total raised so far is \$5,198.57. Thank you to everyone who supported our walkers!

2022 BUDGETS are available on both floors of the church building. This will be voted on at the congregational meeting.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The congregational meeting will be held **after the 10:30 a.m. service TODAY!** There will be no luncheon this year.

Here are the items on the agenda:

1. Approval of the 2022 budget

2. Election of the following people:

Elder (Class of 2024): Tim Geiger (1st term), Vacancy

Deacon (Class of 2024): Steve Shenk (1st term), John Shelsky (1st term)

Preschool Board (Class of 2024): Lori Daly (1st term), Deb Lichtenwalner (1st term)

(Board of Elders & Board of Deacons will also present their committee appointments)

We still need one elder. Contact a member of the Nominating Committee for more information: Denise Pfeifer, Cherie Cataldi, George DeLong, Joyce Kohler, Betty Fogle, or Pastor Rankin.

3. Approval of Restricted Funds Made Possible by PPP Loan

4. Recognition of 50 year members

PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendars now because the



Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on December 10th at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the December Parish Post. You can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail or on the website under Ministries! Speak with Karen Olley for more information!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor.

2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.

3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.

There will be no Koinonia at this time!



CALLING NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS: We invite anyone who is interested in providing a solo as a Musical Offering this fall, in joining the SOT Choir, or in playing bells to email Michael and Dina at Music@Trinityeastpete.org.



Holiday Wishes for Jordan Sensenig

Since Jordan is deployed overseas, he will not be coming home for three years. This Christmas will be a difficult one, and we hope you will help to boost his spirits. Whether you share a note, a Christmas card, or a memory, we hope you will help by sending him words of encouragement.

With the issues surrounding mail delivery, we would like to have your well wishes by the end of November. We will collect your encouraging correspondence and will send all as a single mailing. It takes about three weeks for him to receive his mail from us.

Jordan appreciates his Trinity family, and we hope this will be a great reminder of all the times he spent at Trinity. He's far from home, and this will help him feel all the caring that surrounds him.

Many Thanks!
Pat and Joan

**Put cards in the envelope on
table across from church office.**

ADVENT WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 27TH FROM 1:00-5:00 P.M.

It's time to think about preparing Trinity Church for the Advent season.

We are planning on doing indoor decorating and outside decorating and crafts for both kids & adults.

All help in making this happen is greatly appreciated as we decorate our church for the season. Call the church office at 717-569-1632 or use the sign-up sheet in the church hall way or use the link on the home page of the church website. We will conclude with a brief service and a pizza dinner!

Schedule for Advent Workshop

1:00-3:30 decorating and crafts

3:30-4:00 worship service

4:00-5:00 pizza and fellowship

Speak with me if you are willing to help plan the workshop.

Thank you, Cherie Cataldi

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to. . .

Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.

Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.

Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!

Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.

Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.

Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- 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



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

Greeters/Ushers: To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

HEMPFIELD POWER PACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Hempfield Power Packs could use a few volunteers! We are most in need of people to help with delivery and distribution on Thursday afternoons.

“Delivery” means bringing the bags from our room at EPACC (East Pete Civic Center – corner of State and Lemon) to Arbor View Traylor park on Columbia Ave (across from Super Shoes). This takes about 45 minutes from start to finish. You help to load the bags into your car (and a few coolers) and bring them to the ‘community room’ at Arbor. The two volunteers there will help unload your car and they stay to distribute. (And then you are free to go!) (Pick up bags at EPACC about 2:50pm on Thursday, deliver to Arbor and leave)

“Delivery AND Distribution” are about a 2 hour time commitment. Volunteers pick up bags/coolers, etc at EPACC, and bring them to either Hempfield United Methodist or Mountville Church of the Brethren, and then stay to distribute them when our families come. (We are serving approx. 32 families at MCOB and 48 families at HUMC)

MCOB distributes from 3 - 4:15 – which means pick up at EPACC approx. 2:25 and returning leftover bags to EPACC after 4:15.

HUMC distributes from 4:30 – 5:30 – which means pick up at EPACC approx. 3:45 and returning leftover bags to EPACC after 5:30.

“Distribution” – this one is without a delivery – as it happens right at EPACC between 5:30-6:30. We distribute out of the entrance of EPACC – so it’s just a matter of showing up about 5:15 and handing out bags to our families. (We are serving approx. 35 families at EPACC)

You are not alone at any site – we always have 2 volunteers.

If you want any other details or info, feel free to email or call me – I’d be happy to chat! (717-203-9506 or deblich@comcast.net)

Thanks,
Deb Lichtenwalner

FIRST LESSON. 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. (And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.) Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL. Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.