

Old Testament Reading:

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24–28

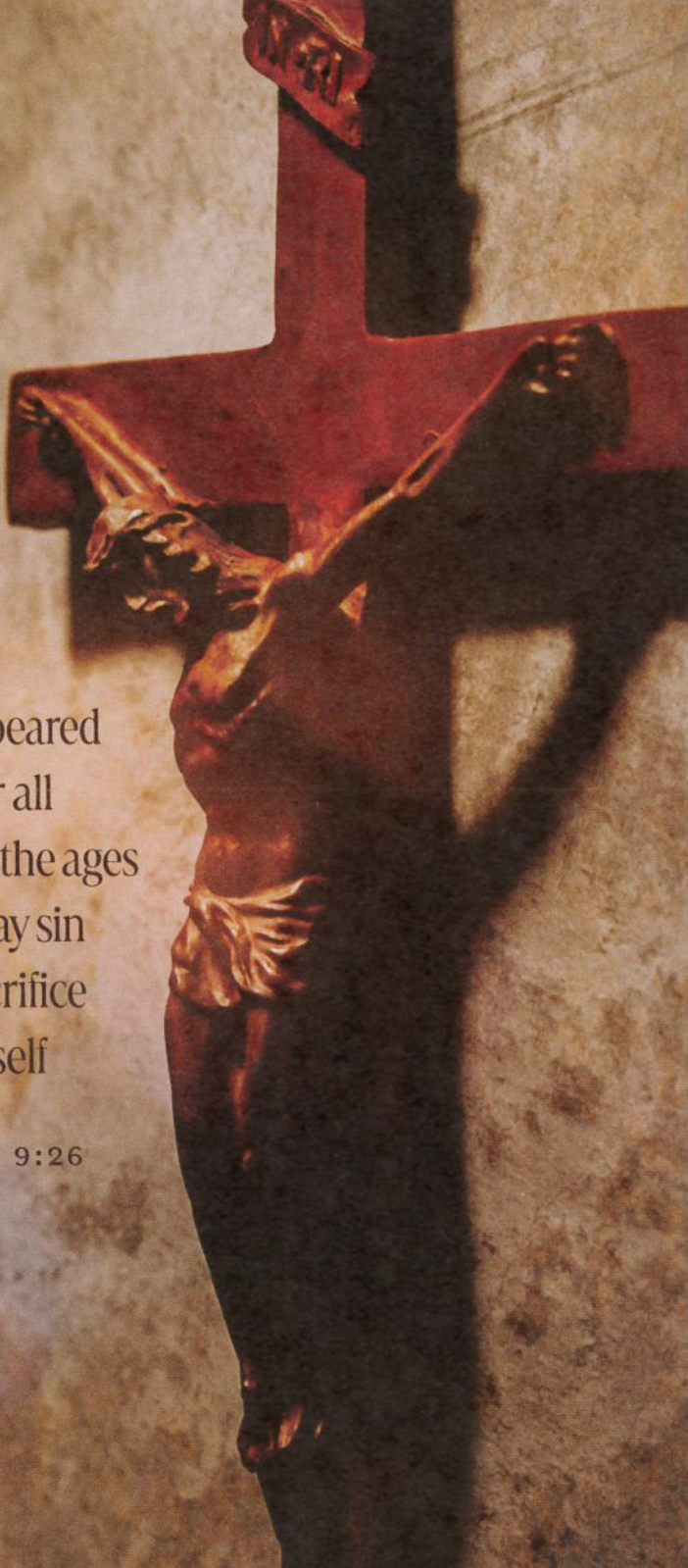
²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into

heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes 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.

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38–44

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



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HEBREWS 9:26



Pentecost

About the Cover: We have no need or ability to appease God by our merits or sacrifices. Even the high priest of the Old Testament was a shadow of the eternal priest after the order of Melchizedek: Jesus Christ. Priests needed to make continual sacrifices. But Christ has accomplished everything that we need. As both our great High Priest and our sacrifice, His one sacrifice of Himself on the cross has covered all our sins.

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November 10, 2024 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Office of Matins (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 219)

Hymn of Invocation 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Opening Versicles (Common, p. 219)

Venite (p. 220)

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴**When his breath departs he returns to the earth;**
on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth,**
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Office Hymn 787 The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory (Common, p. 221)

Sermon

Te Deum (p. 223)

Presentation of the Offering

Kyrie (p. 227)

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for Grace (p. 228)

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Silent Prayer

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WE PRAY: Heavenly Father, whose generosity supplies our needs if not our wants, impress upon us that we are poor when we think ourselves independent of Your favor, and truly rich only when a right relationship with You is created by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri's hours (Monday—Friday, please call ahead) 8 am—12 pm
Pastor's hours (Monday, Pastor's day off)
(Tuesday— Friday) please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - use this website (www.lhm.org) to receive daily devotions sent to your email or phone. You never have to be without God's word.

All bulletin announcements need to be in the Office by Wednesday mornings.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Sunday school—7 Adult Bible Class—10 Worship—44

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday	\$3,455.00
Weekly giving needed per 2024 Budget	\$4,481.54
Hurricane gifts	\$ 535.00
Dollar 4 missions	\$ 93.00

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today	8:45 am	SS, Adult/Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Council meeting
Next Sunday	8:45 am	SS, Adult/Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Youth meeting

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalms 122:1*

MARK 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the church in *proportion* to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to *sacrificial* giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

ATTENDANCE BOOK—We ask everyone attending this morning to sign the red attendance book found at the end of each pew, then pass it back.

THANK YOU Rev. Joel Brondos for sharing God's Word in Bible Class and leading us in worship this morning. We are blessed to have faithful ministers of God's Word.

ALTAR FLOWERS last week were given in memory of John Wildermuth. John faithfully lived in service to his Heavenly Father. May we each live faithful lives to the Lord as did John.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS—Today is the last day we are collecting items. If you still want to give either items or a monetary gift, please talk with Terri Hock. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously.

ROCK ISLAND CIRCUIT YOUTH thanks you for your generous gifts to their mission project. They are greatly appreciative of your continued support.

LIFE THOUGHTS—Since God created humankind in His image, their fate belongs in His hands above Caesar's (Matthew 22:21). Life issues are more than just private or political—they are matters of the heart, to which the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks most directly and effectively. They must remain part of the

Church's conversation for the sake of people struggling with them. *Prayer: Almighty God, impart unto us ears that rejoice to hear Your whole counsel and tongues that proclaim it with courage and compassion. Amen.*

WITNESS & OUTREACH—Mark 12:38-44: The widow's offering, though it was considered by many to be next to nothing, was precious in the sight of God because it was given sacrificially with confidence that God would provide for her needs. All that we do and give because we are the children of God, though it may seem insignificant to people of this world, is precious to God. Our witness to the Good News of Jesus is also precious to God!

DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS contributions are now being devoted to necessary infrastructure at University Lutheran Church in Champaign (UniLu). New toilets will be installed in a men's room, and a new water heater installed for the building.

"Items like these seem far from glamorous," said CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb. "They do not capture our senses until problems arise in connection with them. Then their importance stands out." He added that plumbing as well as painting and many other such "background" elements help UniLu offer Christ in Word and Sacrament to University of Illinois students, faculty, and staff.

On October 24, CID President Michael Mohr declared complete the previous DFM project, which had been furnace replacements at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. This project ended up requiring only about half of the \$25,000 originally set aside for it.

The Macomb furnace project was the last on the list approved by CID Board of Directors for this year. Under discretionary authority within guidelines that this board adopted for DFM, Pres. Mohr opened the current project to address known needs at UniLu.

For the third consecutive year, CID mission stations have been assembling a list of their projected repair and upgrades for the next 10 years. "The list makes it easy to look up needs at CID mission properties," Pres. Mohr said. District congregations will see the total updated list prior to next summer's CID convention. **Amount to be funded:\$5,000. Project:** Replace toilets in basement men's restroom and replace water heater at University Lutheran Church, Champaign

ALTAR FLOWERS—The 2023 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board next to the restrooms. Cost for weekly flowers are \$30 for two arrangements. We greatly appreciate those who help with providing flowers for Sunday worship services. **Please sign up for a Sunday.**

PRAYER MINISTRY

Give thanks as you pray:

MISSION—*Thank God for forgiveness.* Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and

body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Elizabeth Bjork	Paula Chapa	Joyce DeFauw
Betty Firch	Arlyn Helke	Jessica Johnson
Lynne Johnson	Linda Lundquist	Aaron Raschke
Drew Schillinger	Carolyn Wildermuth	Marilyn Woods
Dawn Daebelliehn		

Brandon & Shaeli Streeks & family (Adopted Seminarian)

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)

Don Eggers (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)

Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

Shandel Loenser

Paul Werner (brother of Dan Werner)

Ron Powell (friend of Brad Gehn)

Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)

Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)

Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)

Don Lutz (husband of an LWML friend of Liz Neumann)

Carol Eggers (friend of Marilyn Woods)

Gary Kilstom (friend of Brad Gehn)

Kenneth Cullison (son of Kevin and Stacie Rahn)

Shirley Nerud (mother of Pastor Nerud)

MILITARY—We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

Mandy Davila (daughter of Linda Aper)

Luke/Nicole Thompson (son/daughter-in-law of John/Kindra Thompson)

Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)

Brittany Loenser (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions." *Martin Luther – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*