

The LORD lifts up  
those who are  
bowed down

~ **Psalm 146:8**

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
*25th Sunday after Pentecost*

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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Setting three*

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

*Please Stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are + forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“I Love To Tell the Story”

**ELW 661**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## **GLORY TO GOD**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **WORD**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING**

### **1 Kings 17:8-16**

<sup>8</sup> The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, <sup>9</sup> “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So 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.” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> But 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.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah 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.” <sup>14</sup> For 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.” <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM****Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup> Hal-<sup>1</sup> lelujah!

Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long<sup>1</sup> as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I<sup>1</sup> have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your<sup>1</sup> trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there<sup>1</sup> is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they re-<sup>1</sup> turn to earth,  
and in that day<sup>1</sup> their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> for their help,  
whose hope is in the<sup>1</sup> LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that<sup>1</sup> is in them;  
who keeps promis-<sup>1</sup> es forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to<sup>1</sup> those  
who hunger.

The LORD sets the<sup>1</sup> captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those  
who<sup>1</sup> are bowed down;**

**the LORD<sup>1</sup> loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares<sup>1</sup> for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the  
way<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall<sup>1</sup> reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> 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,<sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!<sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.<sup>42</sup> A poor

widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then 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. <sup>44</sup> For 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan*

*One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “O God My Faithful God” **ELW 806**

*Please be seated*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

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 bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders (local church leaders may be named). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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 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 conflicts (current places of war and conflict may be named) and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill (especially). Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. 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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

## **HYMN**

*Please stand*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.  
**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**SANCTUS**

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*Please kneel or sit*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(traditional)*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Please be seated*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“All Are Welcome”

**ELW 641**

“Arise My Soul Arise”

**ELW 827**

*Please stand*

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





## Prayer List

<b>For Health:</b>	Allen H	Peter W	
Clara W	Matthew A	Sandra C	<b>For Safety:</b>
Joyce G	Bud J	Milluzzo and	Erik S
Bill B	Marjorie F	Neri families	Andrew C
Cathy L	Jessica A	Joan A	Todd S
Marion B	Charlotte D	Shirley C	Michael C
Lily V	Jonathan A	Diane E	Tyler G
Holly N	Pauline N	Family of	Erik B
Dylan G	Curt R	Marion W	Justin Earl B
Lisa A	Matthew S	Ivar Jozus	Evan G
Aiden J	Lloyd P	Debbie G	David P
Helen A	Phil O		



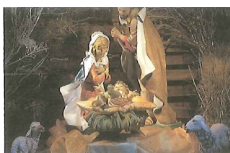
The **Thanksgiving Service** this year is Sunday, **November 24 at 2:00 p.m.** at **Trinity Church**, 345 Main Street, Portland.



### Boy Scouts Ornaments/Key Chain

The pewter ornaments (which can be used for a Christmas ornament or as an attachment to a key chain) are still available for sale. They are made in Woodbury, CT, and were created by the Boy Scouts in honor of Zion's 150th Anniversary.

Ornaments are \$15 each (cash or Check made out to **BSA Troop 2**). Proceeds from these sales will benefit the Boy Scouts. See Donna Berndtson for details.



Everyone is invited to you to **True Vine's Annual Christmas Fellowship Luncheon** in Zion's Fellowship Hall on **December 7, 2024 at Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

Cost of participation is a donation in support of the Portland Food Bank and Interval House located in Hartford. They are requesting Diapers sizes 3-6, Lotion (any kind) or Queen Size Bed Linens.

**Please RSVP by November 10th** to Zion's office at [zion.lutheran@snet.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) or call 860-342-2860

Lunch Menu: Vegetarian Lasagna, Baked Ziti, Baked and Fried Chicken, Rice and Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Collard Green Salad, and Rolls, Beverages, Cookies and Pastry platters available.

### OUR CHURCH HISTORY

Just a reminder - the church library has been transformed into a unique history room of Zion. We hope that you will take a few minutes out of your busy day and check it out.

We have over 200 pictures on display along with Bibles going back into the 1800's, several binders filled with memorabilia, artifacts, artwork and much more. Something for everyone to enjoy. The museum will be open until the end of the year.

Sincerely, The History Committee



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for October, November and December** are available in the Narthex and the Box outside the door with the doorbell.



## RaiseRight

### RaiseRight Gift Cards

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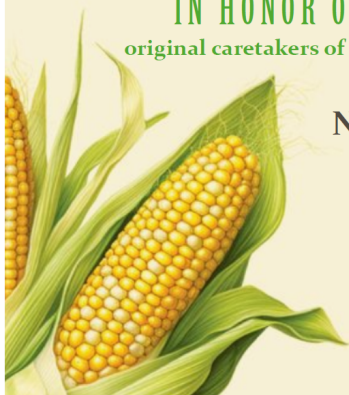
cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.

AN INTERFAITH CELEBRATION OF

# Giving AND Thanks

IN HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICANS

original caretakers of all that is in, on, and above this land



November 24, 2024 | 2:00 PM



Trinity Episcopal Church  
345 Main Street, Portland

PRAYERS, READINGS & SONG

GUEST SPEAKER: Gary O'Neil (Red Oak), *Wangunk Elder*

Representatives from: Bahá'í, Congregational, Episcopal, Jewish,  
Lutheran, Methodist, Native American,  
Roman Catholic, True Vine Holiness

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Reception with Coffee, Tea and Cookies to follow Celebration

Contact 860-342-2860 or [www.trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://www.trinitychurchportlandct.org) for further information



Collection/Offering for Middlesex Land Trust  
and Non-Perishable Food Collection for the Portland Food Pantry

**Today: November 10, 2024**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**10:30 a.m.** Adult Education

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

**This Week:**

Monday: Veteran's Day - No School, Office Closed  
SYNOD Convocation - Pastor Away M-W

**6:00 p.m.** N/A

Tuesday: **10:00 a.m.** Happy Handz

Friday: **10:00 a.m.** Happy Handz

**7:00 p.m.** N/A

**Next Sunday:**

**November 17, 2024**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 75, Last year - 67

Next weeks readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16;  
Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

**MISSION STATEMENT**

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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