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# *WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN*

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

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*First Lutheran  
Church*

*Tiffin, Ohio*

*November 10, 2024*

*“The 25th Sunday  
after Pentecost”*

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## *PRELUDE*

*FOREST GREEN*

*Robert A. Hobby*

*Three Hymns of Praise, Set VII*

*II. As Saints of Old*

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*Please stand.*

## ***THE CALL TO WORSHIP***

L: As the seasons change around us, we give thanks that:

**C: God is among us!**

L: Together we are called:

**C: To go out!**

L: We are called:

**C: To care for all!**

L: We are called:

**C: To proclaim the gospel!**

L: We are called:

**C: To forgive and reconcile!**

L: We are called:

**C: To trust God for all that we need!**

# *GATHERING SONG*

# 695

## *AS SAINTS OF OLD*



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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## **THE GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you!**

## **A LITANY FOR PENTECOST**

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord:

C: **A people holy to the Lord our God.**

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart, talk about them to your children.

C: **Talk about them when you are at home, when you are away, when you lie down, and when you rise.**

P: For one does not live by bread alone,

C: **But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

*The Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.*



© Sal- va- tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

## **THE FIRST READING FROM 1 KINGS 17:8-16**

R: A reading from 1 Kings chapter 17.

<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>

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

R: A reading from Hebrews the 9th chapter.

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> Nor 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; <sup>26</sup> for 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. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

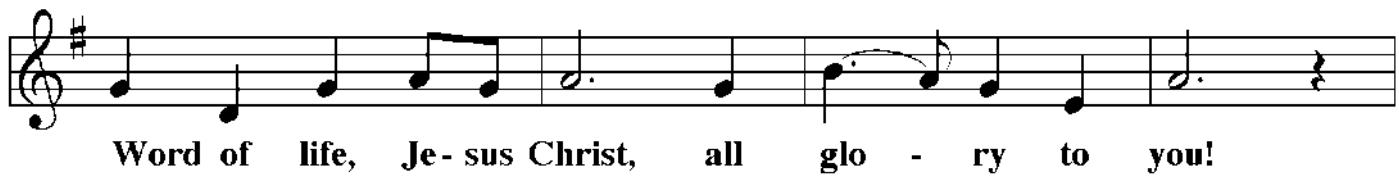
**C: Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

## ***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

*The Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.*



Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo-ry to you!



Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you!

# **HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 12:38-44**

P: This is the Gospel according to St. Mark the 12th Chapter

Glo - ry 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## ***TODAY'S REFLECTION***

**Pastor Ken Oswald**

*Please stand.*

### ***HYMN OF THE DAY***

***ELW #685***

### ***TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE***



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

L: Build yourselves up on our most holy faith;

C: **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: **Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

# **THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another:

*A time of silence and reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

# **THE PEACE**

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace! May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*You are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.*

*Please be seated.*

# ***A KIND REMINDER***

As we prepare to take our offering, would you be kind enough to fill out the blue Fellowship card located in the pew rack? Once completed you can place it in the offering plate. This is a great way to let us know you are here, and to share any prayer concerns with us.

## ***OFFERING & ORGAN MEDITATION***

*HYFRYDOL*

*Paul Manz*

*Ten Chorale Improvisations, Opus 5, No. 4*

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

*Please stand.*

## ***OFFERING SONG***

***GLORY TO YOU, GOD***



*Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;*

*yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.*

*Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;*

*ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.*

*Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;*

*yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.*

# **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We respond to each petition.*

**L:** Merciful God

**C:** Receive our prayer.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**L:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

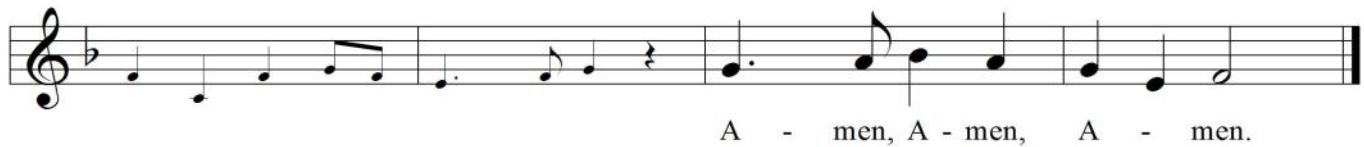
**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure. We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years, and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless our community of faith, bless our healing, bless the changes that are before us, bless our call process and the pastoral leaders who will shepherd us through this time of transition. We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us as we align with your will, and servant or servants you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time. Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future. In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

# THE BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

## SENDING SONG

#439

### SOON AND VERY SOON



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King.



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1, 2, 3

# THE SENDING

P: Go in peace!

L: Follow Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

VERY SOON

KEITH HAMPTON

*Soon and Very Soon*

### Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor:	Elijah Shiley
Facebook Camera:	Shelley Ross
Reader:	Beth Margraf
Worship Assistant:	Jonathan Nominee
Host:	Judy Kimmel
Slide Show Operator:	
Worship Leader:	Pastor Ken Oswald
Director of Music:	Curtis L. King

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# This Week's Calendar

**Sunday** November 10, 2024  
10:00 am

## Congregational Chat after Service

Worship on The 25th Sunday of Pentecost

**Monday** November 11, 2024  
Veteran's Day

**Wednesday** November 13, 2024  
9:00 am Piece Corp

**Next Sunday** November 17, 2024

## Council Meeting after Service

10:00 am  
Worship on The 26th Sunday of Pentecost

**Monday** November 18, 2024  
1:30 pm Bookworms

**Thursday** November 21, 2024  
1 - 3 pm Food Bank

**Sunday** November 24, 2024  
10:00 am

Worship Thanksgiving  
**Bountiful Feast & set  
up for Advent**



Thanksgiving Baskets

# Faith & Family Day

Looking Ahead! Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Day

Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need to reserve a block of tickets for this family event now! Tickets go fast for this event so we need an idea of how many seats to reserve. A final count will be taken in January. Before the hockey game, there will be a pregame Q&A session led by Walleye players and coaches. Fans will have any opportunity to hear about their experiences with their faith throughout their careers. The game will start at 5:15. Postgame will have a free open skate at the Huntington Center in Toledo. Tickets will be \$19 each. Please contact Shelley Ross and

# Thanksgiving Eve

We have been invited to join First Christian Church on Wednesday, November 27th (Thanksgiving Eve) for a Thanksgiving Service and meal at

## Cookies

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.

# THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>—**Mac & cheese,  
dessert mixes,  
canned corn,  
green beans, & peas.**

# Emergency Contacts



**November 10th through November 16th**

**Pastor Doug DeVos**

**First Christian**

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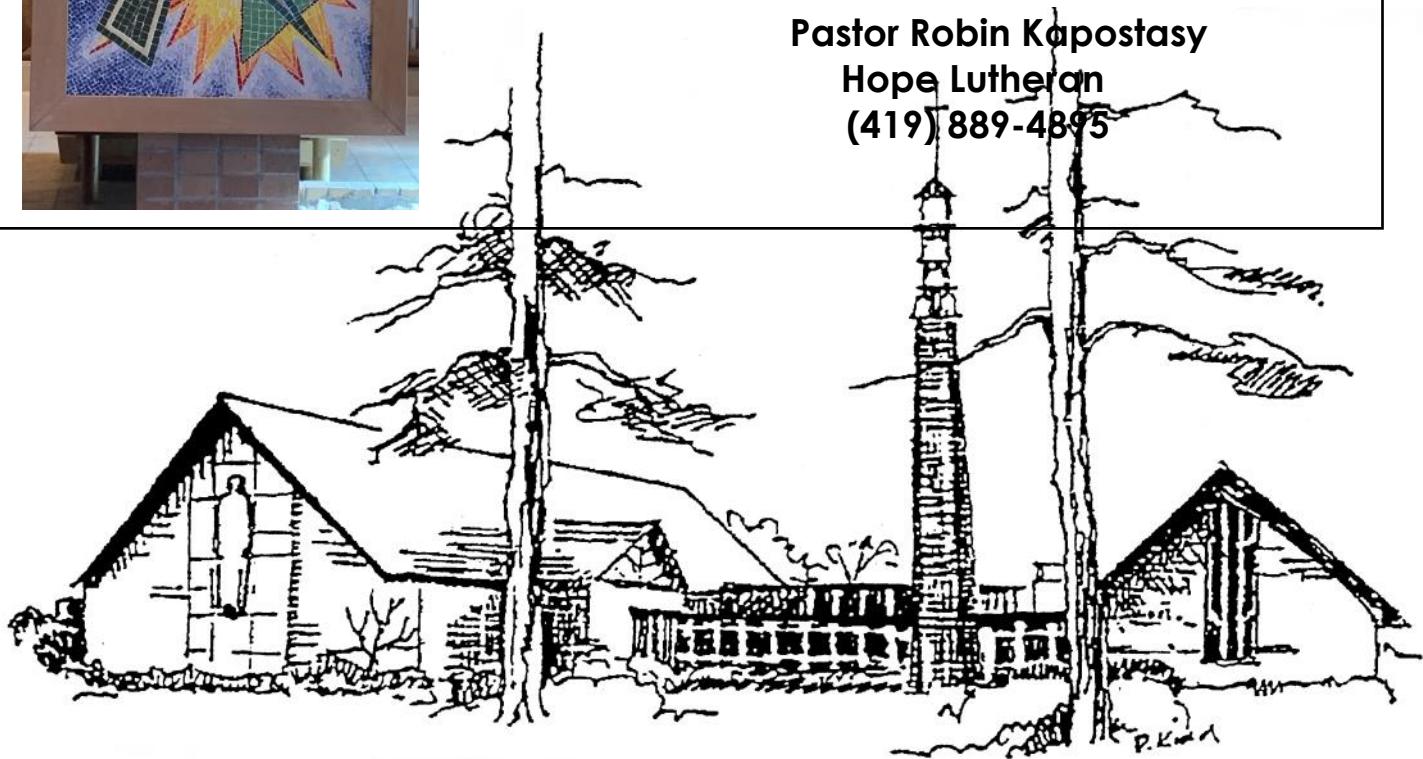
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## Our Mission Statement

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**