

THE SIXTEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Reading: *1 Kings 17:17–24*

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

Epistle: *Ephesians 3:13–21*

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all

the saints what is the breadth and length and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: *Luke 7:11–17*

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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✠ Jesus Calls forth Life from Death ✠

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think" (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

The Sixteenth Week after Trinity

October 02, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2022

COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT: Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

Introit *(Sing to the Tune of C)*



**☞ Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.**

**For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.**

**Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
for I am poor and | needy.**

**In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*
for you | answer me.**

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.**

**For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
And to the Holy | Spirit;**

**As it was in the be- | ginning,*
Is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

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Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to put an end to death. Keep us from losing heart in the face of sorrow, strengthen us with power through Your Holy Spirit, and help us to know the love of Christ, that through Him we will no longer weep. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, preserve Your Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world. Give steadfast faith to all Christians by the preaching of Your Word and through the Holy Sacraments, and send laborers into Your harvest. Enliven the love of Your saints to bear one another's burdens and to show mercy toward those outside of the Church. Quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, in His compassion Your Son responded to the need of the widow of Nain and raised her son from death to life. Have mercy on all who are ill or receiving treatments [*especially _____*]. Relieve them of their discomfort and grant them healing and recovery according to Your will, that they may glorify You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P O God, our Father, Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage, and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P To Your grace, O Lord, we commend all entrusted to us. Grant that we may live in Your fear, die in Your grace, rest in Your peace, rise through Your power and inherit eternal life. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all praise and honor, glory and majesty, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

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