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Our mission: We gather in faith to worship Jesus as Lord, grow through grace, and share the good news of Jesus Christ Our vision: to be a community of faith who follows Christ, loves one another and ministers to the needs of others

November 17: Endowment Sunday: Mark Rice, director of generosity for our synod will be here

November 21: Informational Zoom meeting at Zion at 7:00 pm about an opportunity to travel to Holden Village. Holden Village is a Lutheran Retreat Center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. Plans are being explored for a multi-congregational trip to Holden Village during the summer of 2025 (June or August.) No commitment is needed at this time. Contact Pastor Linda for more information.

November 24: 3:00 pm Kulm Ministerial Association will host the annual Community Thanksgiving service here at Zion. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

November 28: Thanksgiving Day with our annual Community feast here at Zion.

Dec 1: 9:00 Amanda Ellison, formerly one of the Preacher's daughters will be our special guest at worship. It is also the next Kids Sunday and joyful singing by SWAG students.

Dec. 1: 3:00 pm Community Christmas Concert by Amanda Ellison at the Congregational Church. Sponsored by the Kulm Ministerial Association.

## Introduction

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.

## Psalm 146

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, <sup>|</sup> O my soul!
- <sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long | as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your <sup>|</sup> trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there <sup>|</sup> is no help.
- <sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
- <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>|</sup> is in them; who keeps promises forever;

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to <sup>|</sup> those who hunger. The Lord sets the <sup>|</sup> captive free.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

the Lord | loves the righteous.

- <sup>9</sup> The Lord cares <sup>|</sup> for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way <sup>|</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!