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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.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to those worshipping by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. This is God's table. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are invited to participate. Holy Communion is distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord.

“For I am God and there is no other.”

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

“How hard it will be for those with wealth
to enter the kingdom of God.”

(A moment of silence is kept for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

Fearful for our own welfare,

we close our eyes to the needs of others,

and hoard your generous gifts to satisfy our own desires.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

For our sakes, Jesus Christ became poor,

so that through his poverty we might be made rich indeed.

For his sake God forgives us all our sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ,

God gives the power to become children of God

and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

As Saints of Old

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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.

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Veterans Day Litany & Video

Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us,



**to make it impossible for those who would
take away our freedoms from prevailing.**

For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy,
Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Space Force,
we ask your blessing.

For the family members who have also made great sacrifices
in order to make it possible for their service members
to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,
we ask your blessing.

For the families who grieve the death of a loved one
who went in harm's way, never to return,
we ask your blessing.



Jesus tells us that no one has greater love
than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
For all those veterans
who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,
we ask your blessing.

For the veterans of past wars
who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,
we ask your blessing.

For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in"
with their families or communities anymore,
we ask your blessing.

Keep all our veterans in your care today.
Grant them the peace that they sought to preserve for others.
As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace.
**Teach all your people the ways of peace
that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom
will not have done so in vain.**

We pray all these things in the name of your Son, our Savior,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Apostolic 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.

Hymn of Praise

My America

Choir & SS Choir

Purple Mountain majesties, amber waves of grain.

This is my America, to thee we sing.

Land of the free from sea to shining sea.

My America, let freedom ring.

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride.

From ev'ry mountain side, let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light,

protect us by Thy might, great God our King.

My America!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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 ✠

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

A reading from First Kings.

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So 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.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But 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.” ¹³Elijah 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. ¹⁴For 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.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The 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 146

Let us read Psalm 146 responsively.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I 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 rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

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

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

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

A reading from Hebrews.

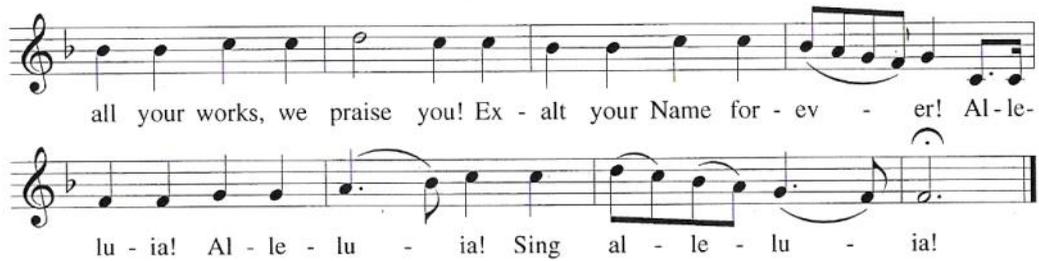
²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for 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. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Family of God





Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then 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. ⁴⁴For 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.**

Children’s Time Sermon





1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence. "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone fill our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y. "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**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 into hell.
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 again 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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

A brief silence is kept.

A 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, vicars, and lay leaders.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P 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.**

A 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 and pursue peace.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P 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.**

A 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.**

P: Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A 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.**

P 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.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

We Are an Offering

#692



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection
 opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -
 ty! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! Blest is he who
 comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

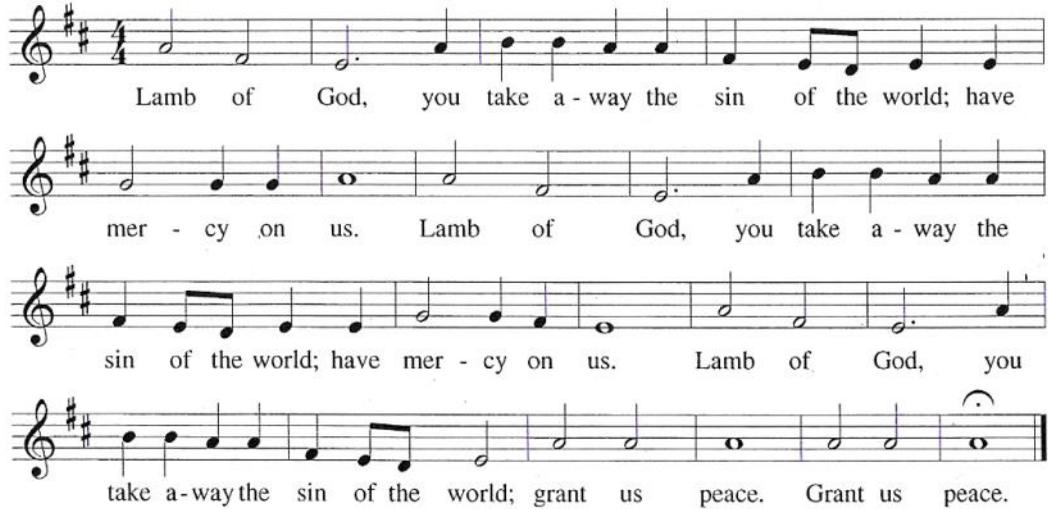
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Family of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

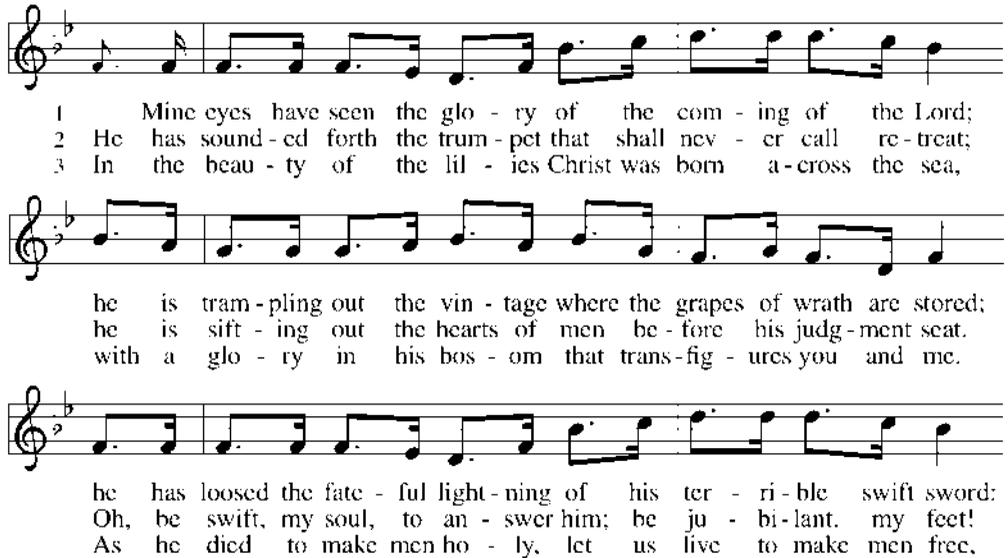
The Body of Christ given for you. Amen.

The Blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

#890



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,
he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.
he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant. my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free.

his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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Distribution Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

#888

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing.

May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.

May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit
to be light and love to all the world.

May you go in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song

God Bless America

The image shows the first six measures of the song 'God Bless America' in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'God bless A - mer-i - ca, land that I love.' The chords indicated are C, C, G7, G7, G7, G7, and C.

Song continued on the next page.

Stand be - side her and guide her thru the night with a light from a -

bove. From the moun-tains, to the prai-ries, to the o-ceans

white with foam. God bless A - mer - i - ca,

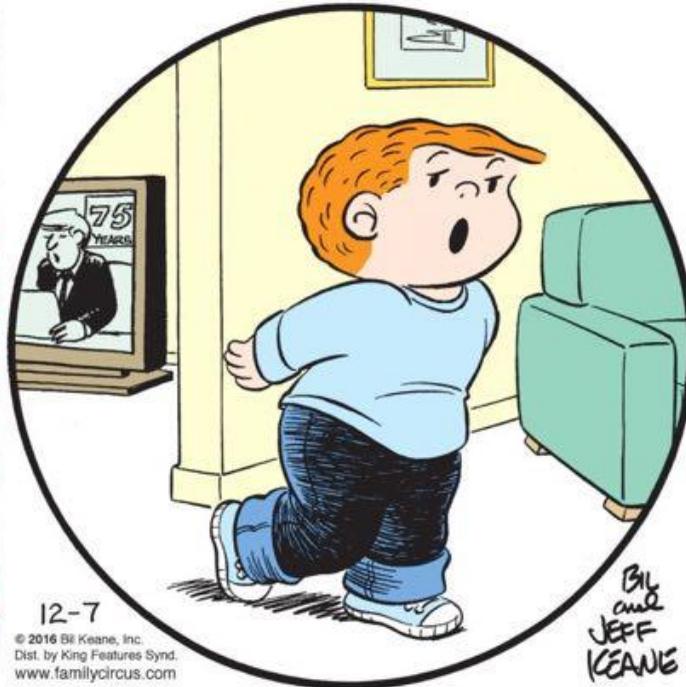
my home sweet home. home. home.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.



“Daddy, who was Pearl Harbor?”

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Veteran's Day Word Search

- Air Force
- Allies
- American
- Army
- Battle
- Bivouac
- Brave
- Character
- Coast Guard
- Combat
- Commemoration
- Democracy
- Duty
- Enlisted
- Faith
- Flag
- Freedom
- God Bless America
- Gratitude
- Hero
- History
- Holiday
- Honor
- Infantry
- Korea
- Love
- Marines
- Medal
- Men
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- Military
- National Guard
- Navy
- Officers
- Patriot
- Peace
- POW
- Pride
- Respect
- Sacrifice



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- Salute
- Service
- Soldiers
- Space Force
- Strength
- Thanks

- Treaty
- Troops
- Uniform
- United States
- Valor
- Veterans

- Victory
- Viet Nam
- War
- Women
- WWI
- WWII

