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Light the Way for Justice,

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Thankoffering Service for Women of the ELCA 2022



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Holy Communion

Sunday, November 20st, 2022

Thankoffering Service

Prelude

Congregational responses are in Bold

Welcome to Worship & Announcements

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. -Psalm118:24

You are invited to stand.

Gathering Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #693 all vs.



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gracious gift of baptism.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.
Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.
You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys
to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood
you carried those in the ark to safety.
Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery to freedom.
In the wilderness you nourished them
with water from the rock,
and you brought them across the river Jordan
to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom.
The floods shall not overwhelm us,
and the deep shall not swallow us up,
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.
He sends us to make disciples,
baptizing in the name of the Father, and the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit;
wash away sin in this cleansing water;
clothe the baptized with Christ;
and claim your daughters and sons,
no longer slave and free,

(continued)

no longer male and female,
but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom,
and to know you is unending joy.
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your great glory.
Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit
habitation for your divine majesty,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6
(Pew Bible page 825)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and
the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with
their surging.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy place where the Most High dwells.**

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of
day.

⁶ **Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the
earth melts.**

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ **Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he
has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20
(Pew Bible page 1251)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

St Luke’s Choir Anthem:

Thanksgiving Medley

You are invited to stand

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43
(Pew Bible pages 1024)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Sermon

Our children will be leaving the worship service after the Children’s Sermon for “Sunday School” Peggy Moser is happy to have children of all ages in this class feel free to join her, COVID compliant.

Telling the Story

Thank You Pastor Ron

Hymn of the Day

You are invited to stand.

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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all versus

(next page)

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.

by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,

sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer ends:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer

L: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

Special Music

Trio - 'He Touched Me'
Karen Linfor, Mark Silver
& Pianist- Kelly McFarland

*This is a great time to remember your Thankoffering and place it in the basket.
Thank you for supporting St Luke's Ministry.*

Thankoffering

As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our Thankoffering.



1. Pu-ri-fy my heart, let me be as gold and pre-cious sil-ver.
2. Pu-ri-fy my heart, cleanse me from with-in and make me ho-ly.



1. Pu - ri - fy my heart, let me be as gold, pure — gold.
2. Pu - ri - fy my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep with-in.



Re - fin - er's fire, my heart's one de-sire is to be



ho - ly, set a-part for you, Lord. I choose to be



ho - ly, set a-part for you, my mas - ter,



rea-dy to do your will.

Offering Prayer

God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. **Amen.**

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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.' The second system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You see our need and provide bread in great abundance that all may be satisfied in the righteousness of Your Son Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and accomplish all things for our salvation. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Words of Institution

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying take and eat, this is my body given for you do this in remembrance of me. Again, after the meal he took the cup gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood, it is shed for you and for all peoples for the forgiveness of sin do this in remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen**

Communion

Please be seated. Remain seated and wait for the ushers to direct you forward.

Believing that Jesus Christ is present in Communion and to receive him is to receive the forgiveness of sin, all are invited to the Lord's Supper. If you don't yet partake of the bread and wine, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you choose not to come forward and would like to use one of the individual communion packets, please open your communion packet and receive communion.

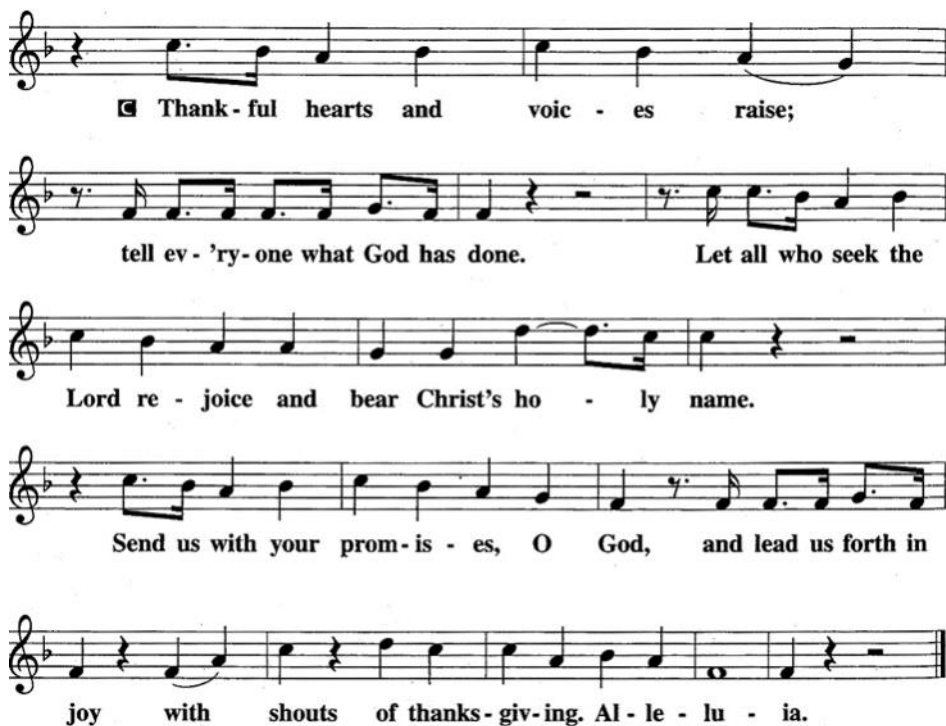
The body of Christ given for you,
The blood of Christ shed for you

Post-Communion Blessing

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his Grace. **Amen.**

You are invited to stand

Post-Communion Canticle



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;
tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with a mother's care, and feeding us in a way our hearts and souls can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Sending

Benediction

Our God calls us to do justice. May you find strength in God's grace. **Amen**

Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness.

May you find comfort in Christ's gentleness. **Amen**

The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with our triune God.

May you always find joy in God's love and justice. **Amen**

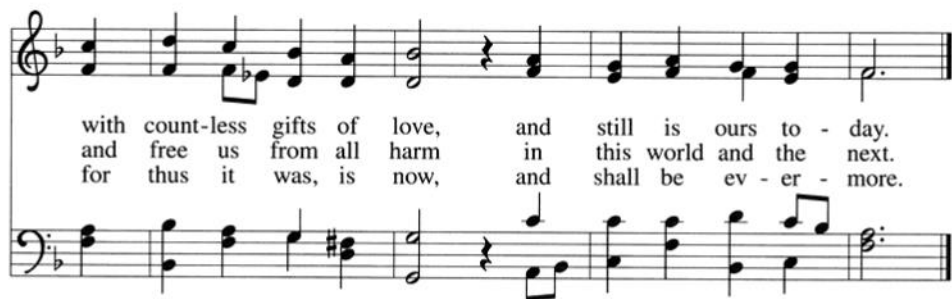
Holy Trinity + One God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Now Thank We All Our God #840 all vs.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



Dismissal

Rejoice and be glad in the light of God's love! Let us go forth in peace to share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Jacob Wilson



Special Congregation Meeting Immediately following worship service

In person voting for perspective New Pastor.

Please join us in the voting process.

Documents for your review are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Thank You.



Worship Assistants

Head Usher: *Connie Reule*

Greeter: *Carolyn Andrews*

Welcome & Announcements:

Thanksgiving For Baptism:

Marlene Kiser

Peggy Moser

Prayer of the Day: *Karen Linfor*

Reader#1: *Faith Thomas*

Psalm Reader: *Gail Weber*

Reader#2: *Shirley Prouty*

Prayers of Intercession: *Kirsten Ireton*

Thankoffering Statement: *Punky Dias*

Thankoffering Basket: *Lois Sherrets*

Offering & Communion Ushers: *Dorothy Haney & Carole Vance*

Offering Prayer: *Brenda Sulzmann*

This Week at St. Luke's November 20st - 27th, 2022

Today Holy Communion W-ELCA 10:30am

Thankoffering/Special Congregation Meeting

Monday Soul Sisters RM 5 Noon-2pm

Tuesday Bible Study 10am Zoom

Wednesday Choir Practice Canceled for Thanksgiving

Thursday Happy Thanksgiving No Service

Sunday Holy Communion 10:30am

(First Sunday of Advent)

Next week readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Narcotics Anonymous will be having a 24 hour marathon for anyone that needs support to get through the holiday. I would like to donate pies to them. I am asking for anyone interested in bringing a pie, please put it in the kitchen or leave it at the narthex by *noon on the 23rd of November*. Thank you - *Linda Duffek, Community Concerns*



We are currently collecting hats, gloves and scarves for the homeless. If you would like to donate, please place items in the decorated barrel in the narthex. - Thank you
Linda Duffek and Cathy Davis Co-chairs Community Concerns



As in the past, families, individuals, and groups are invited to light the Advent candle on the Altar and read the Advent message each Sunday during Advent. Our Sunday School Class will do the readings and light the first Advent candle on November 27th. Readers are needed for the remaining Sundays in Advent: December 4th, December 11th, and December 18th, as well as Christmas Eve, December 24th. The service on Christmas Eve will be at 7:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for considering serving during this Christmas Season. - *Shirley Prouty, Worship & Music Board (916-389-0673)*



W-ELCA Annual Christmas Luncheon
Saturday, December 10, 2022
At 11:30 am in Shultz Hall
Sign up sheet is on the opportunity table in the narthex.
Christmas Tree setup in the sanctuary following the luncheon.

Give thanks

*to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.*

Psalm 107:1

