

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**



**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “---”

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13- 20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4**

### **Chapter 36**

<sup>1</sup>In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. <sup>2</sup>The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. <sup>3</sup>And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder.

<sup>13</sup>Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! <sup>14</sup>Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. <sup>15</sup>Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the LORD by saying, The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' <sup>16</sup>Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, <sup>17</sup>until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. <sup>18</sup>Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The LORD will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>19</sup>Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? <sup>20</sup>Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their countries out of my hand, that the LORD should save Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

### **Chapter 37**

<sup>1</sup>When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>And he sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup>They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth. <sup>4</sup>It may be that the LORD your God heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to mock the living God, and will rebuke the words that the LORD your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left."

<sup>5</sup>When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, <sup>6</sup>Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. <sup>7</sup>I

myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."

## **Chapter 2**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Word of the Lord

## **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL Matthew 5:14**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

Word of the Lord

## **Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jerusalem My Happy Home" #628 ELW**

*Please stand if able*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box. Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar including the basket of food for Isle School Program.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.  
(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The love of God surround you; the grace of ✝ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

**“God Are You Tired”**

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### **DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.*

### **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal      Greeters: Nicole Dzubay & Winnie Z.  
Ushers: 8:30am Wayne & Janice Olson      10:00am Carolyn Morris  
Hospitality: Chuck & Elsa Carlson; Lee & Barb Forrester

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, November 11<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am 64 10:00 am 25

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda****November 19 thru November 25, 2018**

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| Monday    | 11/19 | Carpet Cleaning Fellowship Hall<br>1:00 pm Pinochle<br>7:00 pm AA/Alanon   |
| Tuesday   | 11/20 | 12 – 2 pm Pastor’s Text Study<br>7:00 pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service<br>Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wahkon                                       |
| Wednesday | 11/21 | 8:00-Noon WIC<br>9:30 am WELCA<br>10:00 am Stitches<br>6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service-First Lutheran Aitkin<br><b>No Thanksgiving Services at Bethesda</b> |
| Thursday  | 11/22 | Thanksgiving   |
| Friday    | 11/23 | 10:00 am Bone builders<br>1:00 pm Fish House Parade -- Aitkin  |
| Sunday    | 11/25 | 8:30 am Worship<br>10:00 am Worship  |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY** We need help today taking down tables & chairs after fellowship for carpet cleaning on Monday.

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Gaylard Westerlund – Duluth Hospital

**WORLD HUNGER** November seems like an appropriate time to consider World Hunger. Please consider picking up a bank to collect your change or just use collection plate envelope to make a World Hunger Donation between Nov. 18 – Dec. 2. See today’s bulletin insert for more information. Thank You!!

**WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, noon. “Putting the Wonder Back in Christmas”, speaker Gail Smith. Bring a salad to share.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Today, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club from 8:00am-1:00pm. 420<sup>th</sup> Place North Shore of Mille Lacs (11 miles west on Hwy 18 from church). See poster on bulletin board in Narthex. Bring a canned item for the Food Shelf.

**TREE TRIMMING** will take place on Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. We will welcome any interested helpers!

**BETHESDA QUILTERS** need donations of clean used mattress pads and blankets to make Lutheran World Relief quilts. Please leave in the Fellowship Hall by the Quilter’s Door. Many Thanks.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** See today’s insert on how you can help with the wildfires in California.

# GOD ARE YOU TIRED

Larry Olson







## Join us today.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a just world where all are fed. Thank you for making this work possible through learning, action, prayer and giving.

More than  
**90 cents**

of each dollar donated  
directly supports  
program work...



with less than  
**10 cents**

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ELCA World Hunger  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

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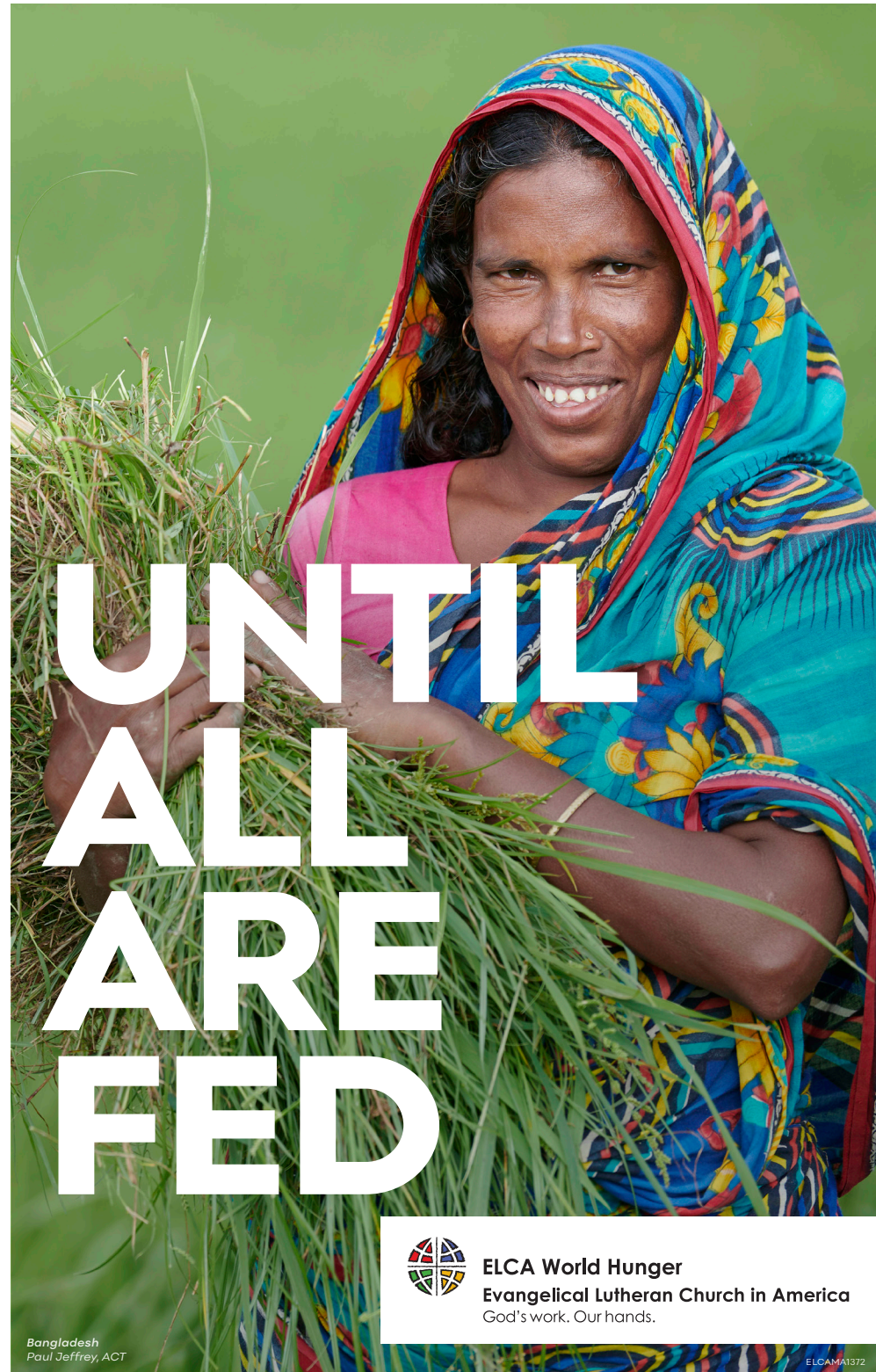
#### SUNDAY OFFERING

Give through your  
congregation's Sunday offering.  
Make your checks payable to  
your congregation and write  
"ELCA World Hunger" on the  
memo line.

For other ways to give please  
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[hunger@elca.org](mailto:hunger@elca.org).

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# UNTIL ALL ARE FED



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Nicaragua  
Sean Hawkey, ACT

## The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger.

We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.



*"We used to be hungry, but [now] that is not the case," Maria says. "Now I see a good future for our children."*

**M**aria is a mother to five children, all under the age of 18. She and her family have spent decades tending to their family farm in Malawi, where they grew maize.

If there was a drought, the harvest would yield less than expected. That would mean there were weeks – even months – without a reliable source of food. So when Maria was offered the opportunity to attend a Farmer Field School, through an agricultural training program offered by the Evangelical Lutheran Development Service in Malawi and supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, she was eager to accept.



Maria joined 40 other farmers in her community to learn about crop diversification and planting techniques. She was given new seeds and tools to get started.

Maria's strategy was to plant new, more resilient crops that she could also sell at the market to provide a wider safety net if maize failed. She planted soybeans and sweet potatoes. She's eager to show off her land, which now expands down the hill and far into the valley below.

With more variety on her farm, she's much more equipped to handle the in-between times when the maize harvest is minimal. Better yet, she's witnessed a change in her children's health and energy with a greater variety of nutrients in their diet. Now they're focusing better in school and able to help out on the family's farm.

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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**U.S. WILDFIRES**

NOVEMBER 2018

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Northern California and the California synods to respond to this fire. As the fires are still raging, we continue to assess the ever-changing situation to determine the best ways to respond.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. wildfires" will be used to help those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Please give today.

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