

Sunday November 19, 2023

Day of Thanksgiving



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Brenda Sjerven's mother, Dawn Kellen.

KEY CHANGE we changed the keys to the front door. Please turn in your old keys for a new one.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

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.

WORLD HUNGER It has been a tradition to pay extra attention to world hunger needs in November. Please pick up a change bank or an envelope and consider making an extra donation to support the ELCA World Hunger efforts. Thank You, Mission & Evangelism committee.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 20, 2023 – November 26, 2023

Monday	11/20	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/21	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		5:00 pm	Choir Practice
		5:30 pm	Cantata Practice
		7:00 pm	Isle Thanksgiving Service-Faith Lutheran
Wednesday	11/22	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	11/23	THANKSGIVING	
Sunday	11/26	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

OPENING HYMN "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" #693 ELW *(Please Stand on the last Verse)*



- 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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Come Thou Fount”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 65

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only

supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Now Thank We All Our God” #840 ELW



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



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



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Generous God, we thank you for the legacy and gift of the church. Make our proclamation clear, our generosity bold, and our community rich in welcome. We raise grateful hearts for the body of Christ where we find belonging. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator of the earth, the bounty of creation reveals your abundant love. Provide safety and shelter for all wildlife. Save us from the waste of natural resources. We raise grateful hearts for the earth, our home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, make all tribes and lands places where justice and inclusion is realized and celebrated. Protect any who are vulnerable and feed all who hunger. We raise grateful hearts for civil rights and just leaders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you see us and are moved with compassion. Attend to those who are sick or dying, surround with love all who are lonely and despairing, and comfort those in need (*especially*). We raise grateful hearts for your lovingkindness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the welcome table, you gather people to be shaped by your word. We pray for ministries that notice and respond to human needs: food banks, shelters, community resource centers (*other ministries may be named*). We raise grateful hearts for these organizations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, you raise those who have died to new life in Christ. (*We remember especially Clement, Bishop of Rome and Miguel Agustín Pro whom the church commemorates today.*) We raise grateful hearts for the lives and faithfulness of all the saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
 Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
 Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
 Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
 Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
 Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

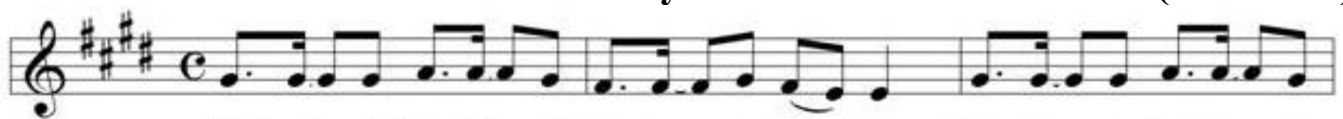
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,
**in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey,
 strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad
 and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and
 calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be
 glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today
 and always. **Amen.**

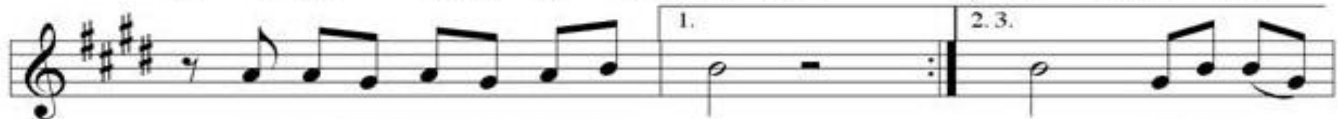
CLOSING HYMN: “All of My Life” Dakota Road (on screen)



My heart is hop-in' and my eyes are op - en. There is a hun-ger in -
 Some say I've got to have all of the an - swers. Some say I need all this
 Help out my neighbor, wel - come a strang - er. Of - fer my shirt to an



side me. I want to do right, walk in the ho - ly light,
 mon - ey. I hear the world is just mine for the tak - ing,
 en - e - my. Dance in the moon - light, cry by the fire - light,



to live my days a - bun - dant - ly. All of my
 oh how I long to be re - leased.
 to live my days a - bun - dant - ly.

life, I want to lose my - self and be faith -
ful. All of my life, I want to
live for - giv - en and grate - ful, all of my life.
Oh God you know me, my ev - 'ry heart - beat is a
word of grace from you. All of my life,
I want to lose my - self and be faith - ful. All of my
life, I want to live for - giv - en and grate -
ful, all of my life.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and 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

Greeters: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Ushers: Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Lector: Merrily Jones

Hospitality: Dorothy Munding & Bev Wedig

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, November 12, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 68 Online: 9