



Light the Way for Justice,
Light the Way for Love



A Thankoffering Service for Women of the ELCA 2020–2021

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**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran – Nov. 21, 2021**

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8am-12pm, 1-5pm

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\*-stand as you are able

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## Introduction to the day

As we celebrate our service of Thanksgiving today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "Mite" or "Cent" societies to fund missions. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed 34 years ago, 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, we now celebrate our Thanksgiving.

## + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Mercer*

*Please fill out the registration form in the red pew pad and pass it along in your row.*

WELCOME

Ann Kemerley

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

\*GATHERING SONG: *"Christ Be Our Light"*

Hymn 715

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC BY OUR GIRLS' BELL CHOIR

DISMISSAL TO JR. CHURCH

## + WORD +

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Jill Eyestone

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15

Marcia Geary

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Jenn Ruhlen

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia..."

p. 142

\*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Rosie Craig

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

...This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THANKOFFERING MESSAGE

Pastor Barry Halter, Jr.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Blest Are They*"

Hymn 728

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Ann Kemerley

*Following each petition:* ...Christ, be our light.

**(sung) Shine in your church gathered today.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**+ MEAL +**

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"*Thanks Be to Thee*" Handel

OFFERING RESPONSE: "*Doxology*" (remain seated) Hymn 884

OFFERING PRAYER Robbi Sigler

COMMUNION LITURGY p. 144-145

"*LAMB OF GOD...*" p. 146

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Invitation to the Lord's table – All baptized persons are welcome at the table. If you do not desire to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Your wish to receive the Sacrament is indicated by your upturned hands. Those with an aversion to wine may receive grape juice (in the center of the ring) or commune in one kind (bread only). Those with a wheat allergy may commune in one kind (wine only) or request a piece of rice cake. If you're not comfortable to receive communion from servers, you may come forward to get a packaged kit. The Lord has prepared the welcome table. Come and eat.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Robbi Sigler

## + SENDING +

SENDING Ann Kemerley

SENDING SONG: "*To Be Your Presence*" Hymn 546

ANNOUNCEMENTS Beth Collins

\*DISMISSAL Ann Kemerley

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 "*Fantasia*" Pachelbel

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Carol Roszman, Virginia Berberick, Marge Forry, Tim & Karen Koehler, Shannyn Swinehart, Shirley Johns, Deb Passet, Barry & Colleen Halter, Pat Bardon, Traci Treon, all first responders & frontline workers

A BIG THANK YOU to Brenda Koehler & Deb Berg for decorating the chancel so beautifully for our Thankoffering service! And to Becky Vaughn & Diana McDonald for planning and organizing the service! And to all of those who graciously agreed to have a part in the service!

DON'T FORGET to pick up your pumpkin pie after church if you ordered one! They are down in the kitchen.

PLEASE STICK AROUND after worship to help get out all of the Christmas decorations! With lots of help it won't take long at all! Then plan to come back tomorrow night at 6:30 to put them all into place. Again, with lots of help we should be done by 8! Thanks in advance!!!

CALLING ALL KIDS THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL...we need you for the annual Kids' Christmas program! We will practice during Jr. Church so please come down when the dismissal happens each Sunday! The kids can't drive themselves; so if you are a parent or grandparent please bring them!

CONTINUING EACH TUESDAY at 7:30 we will be having a choir rehearsal for a choir to sing Christmas Eve. For the time being it will not involve singing at Sunday Worship. You do NOT need to be a former member of the Senior Choir and you are committing to nothing but a Christmas Eve Choir. Come one come all!! If Tuesday evenings don't work for you and you would like to sing, a Sunday morning 9:15 rehearsal is also available. It looks like it will be an SAB choir. Men PLEASE join us!!!

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday and Friday this week. Please get any bulletin announcements turned in by Wednesday at noon. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Barry on his cell phone: 419-852-9823.

WORD ON WEDNESDAY is cancelled this week! If you would like to study the lessons for Sunday on your own, they are Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, and Luke 21:25-36.

BOOKS & BARRY will not meet this week either! Happy Thanksgiving!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are on the table at the crosswalk. The last day to order is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

IN DISCUSSING THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR, it was determined by council that as of right now we have a projected \$20,000 deficit for 2021. Please prayerfully consider your giving these next few weeks so that we might make our budget for this year. Thank you in advance!

BUSY BAGS for the kids are available at the crosswalk. The orange bags are for toddlers. All other colors are for older kids. Please return them after worship.

THE MISSION OUTREACH line on your offering envelope for November will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

CHRISTIAN FOOD CENTER: We are collecting cleaning supplies during November. Please put your donations in the shopping cart at the crosswalk.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES will take place starting Wednesday, December 1 at 7pm in The Family Space. We will kick this series off with a light supper of soup (vegetable & loaded baked potato), bread, & dessert at 6:15pm in Fellowship Hall. The message for each evening will be based on the devotional "Heaven and Nature Sing." This daily devotional for Advent and Christmas is available at the crosswalk.

## **NOVEMBER DUTIES:**

**Assisting Ministers:** 21 – Women

28 – Jim Ruhlen

**Ushers:** Brent Gottfried, Mike & Missy Breidenbach, Rick Kraus & Becky Krock

**Greeters:** Jim & Chloe Gatchell (south)

Jim Gottfried & Sandy Hemmerly (west)

**Readers:** 21 – Women

28 – Russ Lee

**Communion Assistants:** Paula Brown & Nancy Ross

**Bread Baker:** Barbara Stief

**Deliver Food Pantry donations:** Bonnie Menningen



## **Today**

- 11:30am – Solo bell practice
- 11:30am – Pick up pies
- 11:30am – Safety & Security Team meeting
- 11:30am – Get out Christmas decorations

## **Monday, November 22**

- 9am – Sewing & knotting
- 6:30pm – Decorate for Christmas
- 7:30pm – Dartball (home) vs. Jenera Sr.

## **Tuesday, November 23**

- 8:30am – Staff meeting
- 12-2pm – Wyandot Cares class
- 6pm – Bell Group 1 practice
- 6:30pm – Cub Scout Den meetings
- 6:45pm – Bell Group 2 practice
- 7:30pm – Choir practice

## **Wednesday, November 24**

- 5pm – Organ lesson

## **Thursday, November 25 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

OFFICE CLOSED

## **Friday, November 26**

OFFICE CLOSED

## **Sunday, November 28**

- 9am – Adult Sunday School
- 10am – Worship
- 11:30am – Solo bell practice



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# ELCA GOOD GIFTS

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

## 1. Choose your gift

Starting next Sunday, browse the Christmas trees at the crosswalk and choose the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones.

## 2. Where your money goes

Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

More than 85 percent of your gifts directly support our programs. Less than 15 percent is used for administration and fundraising.