



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 9-10, 2013

5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. WELCA Thankoffering Service

* Please stand

Prelude (9:00 a.m.) . "My Tribute" (To God Be the Glory). . . . Lynne Hansen and Julie Forderer

Welcome and Temple Talk

Confession and Forgiveness

C: God, we confess our sin. You have showered us with blessings beyond compare, but we choose to turn our back on you. You have given us everything we need to live a joyful life, yet we complain and desire more. You continue to give your love to us every day, yet we choose to manufacture our own love. God of our failures and disappointments, we bow before you asking for forgiveness.

L: Our God has created us to live in harmony. Although our sin separates us, God has provided the means by which our sins can be forgiven. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has reunited us with God. We who trust God with our life have the power to be what we were intended to be. Praise God for life-giving love.

Gathering Litany

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Today brings the gift of life.

C: Creator, you make us in your image.

L: Today brings all we need to live with purpose.

C: Inviter, you call us to discipleship in Jesus Christ.

L: Today brings the strength to live more fully.

C: Inspiring one, you empower us by the Holy Spirit.

L: Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

C: Companion, you embolden us with community.

L: Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

C: Healer, you engage us in ministry and action.

L: For the church, the society, and the world,

C: God, we humbly enter this worship.

L: Prepare our hearts.

C: Amen.

Song of the Month "Soli Deo Gloria". ELW 878

Greeting

L: We hear you calling, O God.

C: Make us bold to listen and to follow.

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: Creator God, you call us into relationship with you and with all of creation. In Jesus you

gave us mercy beyond our understanding and showed us how to live with grace toward each other. Your blessings are like the dew in the morning and the stars in the heavens, not to be counted but to be received with thanksgiving and generously shared. Keep us moving always toward you and our neighbor, eager to share and receive. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem "Praise and Thanksgiving". Adult Choir

Lesson 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, ⁹Go 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.

Gospel Mark 12:35-44

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David?" ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet." ³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. ³⁸As he 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."

Thankoffering Message. Carol Jacobson, WELCA President

Song "Take My Life, That I May Be". ELW 685

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Offering

Offertory Song "For the Fruit of All Creation". ELW 679

Offertory Prayer

L: God of grace

C: You have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Accept these offerings to further your mission. 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 this 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.

Prayers of the Church

L: With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world, and all in need of prayer. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

L: God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards in your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places, and ministries that you have entrusted to our care. Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

L: God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women who acted boldly on their faith to change the world. Bring their influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

L: God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest, and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Give us curiosity and courage to live into the fullness of our communities. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

L: God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Women of the ELCA, you have called us more deeply into relationship with you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

L: God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Benediction

L: One: God bless you with courage, with peace, and with love, that you may freely live for God and freely give for others.

C: Amen.

Sending Song "On Our Way Rejoicing" ELW 537

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Acolytes: 5:00 p.m. Dianna Soto, Halie Stern

9:00 a.m. Andrew Vogelsang, Brady Berg

Assisting Worship Leader: 5:00 p.m. Trudy Drugg

9:00 a.m. Ruth Noren

Scripture Readers: 5:00 p.m. Trudy Drugg

9:00 a.m. Ruth Noren

Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Gwen Peterson

9:00 a.m. Linda Sauer, Dynette Niebuhr,
Dawn Lutteke, Diane Lutteke

Our support of the Ministry God has given us last week:

Current-\$5,241.45

Dedicated-\$101.75

Simply Giving-\$70.00

5:00-33

Missionary-\$118.13

9:00-150

Birthdays - Nov. 10-16 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

10-William Groskreutz

13-Blair Wegner

14-Irene Niebuhr

15-Joanne Korman

11-Arla Sorom

14-Joseph Bonsack

15-Adam Knutson

16-Bill Sievers

12-Dale Thompson

14-Harvey Malakowsky

15-Kelli Knutson

16-Jim Sorom

13-Dani Drugg

Thankoffering - As we collect the Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In cent societies, each woman collected offerings at home. They would gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise, dedicating the funds to mission. When Women of the ELCA was formed more than 25 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent 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 collect our Thankoffering.

Thank You to all who have participated in the Thankoffering Service.

In Honor of the birthday anniversaries of Art Lindely and Adam Stephas, Marlene Lindely has given a donation to the Eternal Candle Fund.

Personal Care Gift Bags - The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be collecting personal care items through Dec. 4th to be used in gift bags for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Items may be left in the box in Memorial Hall.

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Community Service will be held at Covenant Life Church, 290 1st Ave NE, on Nov. 27th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Peter Soli will be giving the message.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner be held at the Wildcats on Nov. 28th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Handicap ramp located on east side). Takeouts available. The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be involved in continuing this community mission. All proceeds will be donated to the Communities Fighting Student Hunger (Backpack program). All are welcome!

Stewards of God's Love! -You will soon be receiving a letter on how we can all be good stewards of our God given gifts of time, talents, and treasures. Prayerfully consider the many ways that you may 'serve the Lord' through the life of the church and the various ministries of Good Shepherd. Enclosed in the letter will be a time and talent form and a financial commitment card to be returned on Stewardship weekend, Nov.16 & 17th. "Each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's manifold Grace" 1 Peter 4:10

Reminder - Please remember to turn in your confidential questionnaire this Sunday.

Christmas Wreaths will again adorn the Sanctuary at a cost of \$15.00. If you would like to purchase one or more in memory of a loved one please contact the church office soon, as there are only 6 wreaths.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

