



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation
Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2014

9:00 a.m. WELCA Thankoffering Service

Prelude

*Gathering Song "We Are Called". ELW 720

Litany of Many Generations

L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L: We give thanks for Eve, Sarah and Rebekah, Deborah and Esther, Miriam and Naomi,

C: God be praised.

L: For Abigail and Ruth, Rachel and Rahab, Hagar and Hannah, All the faithful of Israel,

C: God be praised.

L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L: For the mother of our Lord, And Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Elizabeth, Mary and Martha,
 All who walked with Jesus,

C: God be praised.

L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L: All who died for the faith,

C: God be praised.

L: All who vowed to serve you,

C: God be praised.

L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L: All renewers of your church,

C: God be praised.

L: All renewers of society,

C: God be praised.

L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L: For our mothers and daughters. Our sisters and family. Generations before us,

C: God be praised.

L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
 our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let
 us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are
 the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for
 oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of
 resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood,
 Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your
 gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty
 again. Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.
 Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days.
 Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.
 Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: 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

L: Let us pray,

**C: Holy and eternal One, from everlasting you are God, our dwelling place in all generations.
 With endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit lead
 us to acknowledge your goodness and give thanks for your benefits; show us the things we
 ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
 and Lord. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "We Gather Together". Adult Choir

First Lesson Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the
 oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the
 homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your
 own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your
 vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the
 Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among
 you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the
 needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The
 Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and
 you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall
 be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the
 breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Psalm 112:1-9 (read responsively)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
⁴**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and
 righteous.**
⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
⁶**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**
⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
⁸**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their
 foes.**

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** Matthew 5:13–20

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

The Sermon

*The Song of the Day . . . “Gather Us In”. ELW 532

*The 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.

Sharing of the Peace

The Offering

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

P: Guided by the light of Christ made known to the generations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Your light springs forth like the dawn. Call your church to share the mystery of your grace with a broken and searching world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Increase our care for the earth and all its creatures. Help us reflect your light in our use of these good gifts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You care for the weak and the strong. Raise up leaders who will free the oppressed in all places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Quickly send your healing for all in pain. Feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Give light and life to this gathering of faith, that we may delight to know your ways and share them with a world longing to know you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Bless the ministries of the Women of the ELCA that they may be a blessing to others in their congregations and communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Satisfy our needs until we gather with all your saints from every time and place in your glorious light. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Lord’s Prayer

*The Benediction

*Sending Song/Song of the Month “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” ELW 538

*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God!

Birthdays - Nov 9-15 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

9-Reese Druckenmiller	12-Dale Thompson	14-Joseph Bonsack	15-Adam Knutson
Zach Linde	13-Danielle Drugg	Harvey Malakowsky	Kelli Knutson
10-William Groskreutz	Blair Wegner	Irene Niebuhr	Joanne Korman
11-Arla Sorom			

Thankoffering Service - 2014-2015. Lutheran women have gathered in the setting of Thankoffering worship since the early 1900s. To this day, many women practice the Thankoffering daily by setting aside coins or small offerings to give thanks for blessings in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. The Thankoffering Service grounds this gratitude in a community of women, gathering together to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to them. This Thankoffering Service was celebrated by more than 2,300 women on July 24, 2014, during the Ninth Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, N. C. The theme of the triennial gathering - “of many generations” - was inspired by Isaiah 58:12.

You are invited to an Open House Retirement Party for Pastors Dennis & Jane Timmerman on Nov. 9th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Good Earth Village. Program at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday School teachers and helpers are still needed on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Pastor Laurie's door. Please sign up to help....even if it's just for one week. Together we teach our children God's Word. If you have questions contact Pastor Laurie at lstoeger@live.com.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 27, 2014 at the Wildcat Restaurant serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: No Charge.

Seeking volunteers for The Thanksgiving Community Dinner to help serve, dishwashing, greeters, set ups, clean up, coffee servers, and bake pies. (the pies only need to be baked, pick them up at the

Wildcats Nov. 25, return by Nov. 26.) Call Lauryne Stern at 507-525-1920 or 553-3298 to volunteer. (Text or voicemail.) Thank you.

Confirmation Winter Warm Up 2014 - Confirmation Students and driver/chaperones will be attending "Winter Warm Up" on Wed., Nov. 19th. The event is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Christ Chapel at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Winter Warm Up is a gathering of area ELCA confirmation students. This year the featured guest speaker is Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor of House for all Sinners and Saints (ELCA) of Denver, CO. Pastor Mary Iverson is the organizer of this annual event and is covering the expenses for our youth and chaperones to attend. Drivers/chaperones are needed! Please speak with Pastor Laurie at 507-380-5902 or call the church office a 553-3513 to sign up to drive. We will leave as a group from Good Shepherd at 5:40 p.m. after eating together at the Good Shepherd Wednesday Meal.

Personal Care Gift Bags - The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be collecting personal care items through Nov 30th to be used in gift bags for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Items may be left in the box in Memorial Hall.

Confirmation Pictures are in and may be picked up in the Church Office.

Sr. Saints - Join us on Wed., Nov. 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments and be entertained by the RSVP players of Wells who will present a Thanksgiving play. Everyone 55 and older is invited to join us for a short program and share the food provided by the October service group.

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 7 wreaths.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Daily Scripture Readings

Nov 10 -Psalm 63 Amos 8:7-14
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Nov 11 -Psalm 63 Joel 1:1-14
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Nov 12 -Psalm 63 Joel 3:9-21
Matthew 24:29-35

Nov 13 -Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 6:1-14 Revelation 16:1-7

Nov 14 -Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 7:1-9 Revelation 16:8-21

Nov 15 -Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 7:10-27 Matthew 12:43-45