## 2024 WELCA Thankoffering Service Women of the ELCA November 17, 2024

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Sharing the Peace**

**Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In" (***ELW 532***)** (*on back page*)

#### Welcome Litany:

As we continue our worship, please join me in our welcoming litany. Please respond with the parts in bold.

Let everyone who has ever felt cast aside, hurt, or lonely say, "I am welcome here."

Let everyone who has experienced joy and beauty say, "I am welcome here."

Let everyone who desires to find the goodness of God say, "I am welcome here."

Come just as you are. Jesus promises to meet us here.

#### Greeting

May the amazing grace of Jesus, the extravagant love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

### Prayer

God of Heaven and Earth,

We are gathered here today to celebrate your abundance. We pray that you pour out on us your Holy Spirit, and your grace, love, mercy, and compassion to share with all of your people. Forgive us for the times we have failed to do so. Lord, bring healing into the lives of those seeking your comfort, bring peace to those who know conflict, and bring strength to those everywhere who are working to bring about your kingdom here on Earth. Today we ask that you bring stillness to our hearts and minds as we reflect on the women of the Bible and their leadership, courage, and faithfulness; those whose names we know, and those who still are unknown to us.

In your holy name we pray, **Amen** 



Pastor Hans Anderson

#### Denice Smith

#### **Readings:**

Sarah (wife and mother) Genesis 18:9-14

Naomi & Ruth (outsiders) Ruth 1:7-16

Esther (leader & advocate) Esther 2& 4

Mary and Martha (sisters, disciples) John 12:1-8

Lydia (business woman) Acts 16:11-15

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word All: Thanks be to God

Children's Message: "Gratitude"

Anne Holm

Patty Sweeny

Rene Frigaard

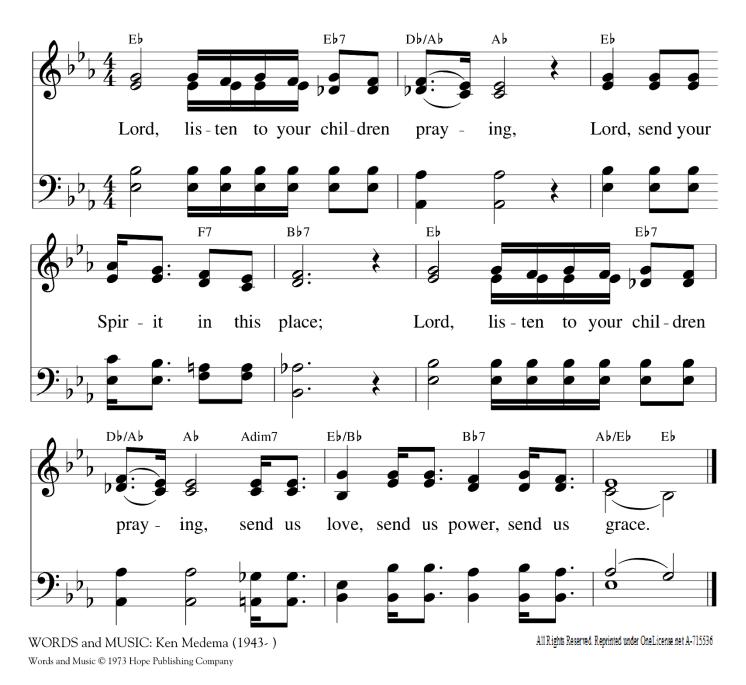
Penny Siewert

Shirley Schmidt

Denice Smith



#### Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (ELW 752) SUNG TWICE



#### **Thankoffering Prayers:**

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May communities of faith worldwide be places of welcoming, affirmation, safety. God of welcome, hear our prayer.

May refugees of climate and social circumstances find homes filled with hope in unexpected places. God of welcome, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer or feel castaway be guided toward open hearts and communities of love. God of welcome, hear our prayer. May our community feel loved, blessed, and embraced by the never ending love of God. God of welcome, hear our prayer.

(Space for prayers, spoken and silent)

For prayers spoken, silent, or given to the care of our community...

### God of welcome, hear our prayer.

May we give thanks for all those who provide nurturing in our lives, that we may all find ways to love one another and see our neighbors as beloved children of God.

#### God of welcome, hear our prayer.

We pray this in the name of God who loves us so extravagantly and abundantly. Amen.

#### **Offering and Thankoffering**

Pastor Hans Anderson

Please Stand



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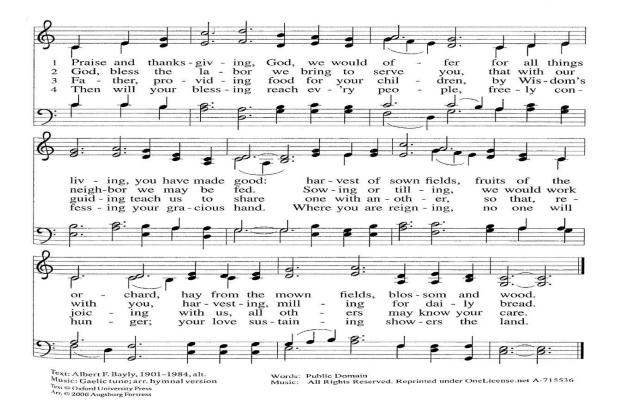
#### **Holy Communion Distribution**

#### Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go upstairs to the Nursery Blessing

God has filled the hungry and thirsty with good things: "Let us give thanks to God, for God's mercy endures forever!" God has done wonderful works for all people: "Let us rejoice in God's steadfast love!" God has looked upon us with grace and favor: "Let us remember God's mercy!" God has put into our hearts a song of thanksgiving and freedom: "Let us join our voices in singing our praise!" The God of abundance, Creator, + Redeemer, and Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

#### Please stand for the

### Sending Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving: (ELW 689)



### Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! All: Thanks be to God!



<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Val Johnson, Mary Krecklau and Rhonda Wippler
Music:	Worship Team
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Chuck Brasel
Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Roger Hoplin II
Altar Guild:	Penny Siewert JoAnn Nelson, & Irene Gearey
Counter:	Neil Smith
Fellowship & Coffee:	Patty Sweeny, Chair

# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, November 17, 2024

Thankoffering Sunday	
Worship Service	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:00 AM
Peel, Cook and Rice Potatoes	10:00AM
Church Council	10:00 AM
Monday, November 18, 2024	
Lefse Making	8:30PM
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	
"Out to Lunch Bunch" Carpool from parking lot	11:00 AM
Wednesday, November 20, 2024	
Bible Study	10:00AM
WOW	3:30 PM
Meal	5:00 PM
Movie	6:00 PM
Confirmation	6:00 PM
Thursday, November 21, 2024	
Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
Noami Circle, at church	1:30 PM
Sunday, November 24, 2024 Christ the King Sunday	
Worship Service/Noisy Offering	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:00 AM

## Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to *www.zoom.us* and select the blue "Join a Meeting" link at the top center of your screen. (You won't need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue "Join" button. Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 852-6256-7424. Passcode is 680145.

**Bulletins** can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

First Lutheran Church will be having a Thanksgiving Eve Service on **November 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM.** We will be serving pie and ice cream following the service. Invite your friends and neighbors!

We will begin preparing lefse to sell at the December 7 Cookie Sale today, after church. We will be peeling, boiling and ricing the potatoes. On Monday, November 18 at 8:30, all rollers and flippers please come to the church kitchen. No experience necessary. Come and join the FUN!

**FLCW Cookie Sale**— Saturday December 7, 2024, 9:00 am to noon. A HOMEMADE PREPACKAGED FANCY COOKIES, CANDY AND LEFSE SALE! Holly Knutson and Annette Newton are co-coordinators of this FLCW fundraiser. Please call if you have any questions. All women of First Lutheran are asked to bring their favorite cookies or candies (we will be packaging them for sale, so bring in bulk) to the church anytime between 8 am and 11:00 AM on Friday, December 61. We will not be having any orders or presales on the lefse.

**Red Stocking Sunday** is **December 1, 2024**. The stockings, made by women of First Lutheran are available on the table in the Narthex. There are RED STOCKING envelopes available in each pew. <u>This special offering is given to the Pine River Backus Family Center</u> for women and children in our community. Each stocking includes a poem to encourage the use of the red stocking throughout the year.

Next week's Noisy Offering is going to the Tiger Den at Pine River Backus Schools.



Our November outing will be to Charlie's Up North in Walker November 19th

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Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, 1 now is the dark - ness We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, 2 we are the old who Here we will take 3 the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the Not in the dark 4 of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way here in this place the new light is shin - ing, 10 brought here you light to in the of this day. called light to be to the whole hu man race. call us a new to be salt for earth. the is king - dom, and now the now the is day. Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er the in, us Gath-er rich and the haugh-ty, us in, the gath-er the us in, Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er in and us 10 blind and the lame; call to and we shall a - wak - en. us now, proud and the strong; give us a heart, SO meek and so low - ly, bread that is you; nour-ish well, and us teach us to fash-ion make us your own; gath - er peo-ples to-geth-er, us in, all we shall rise the sound of a at name. our give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. lives that ho - ly are and hearts that are true. fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-715536 Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: Marty Haugen No. Contract of the Text and music @ 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.