

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

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Hans Anderson

Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn: “Gather Us In” (ELW 532) (on back page)

Welcome Litany:

Denice Smith

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



Readings:

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

Anne Holm

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

Patty Sweeny

Esther (leader & advocate) Esther 2& 4

Rene Frigaard

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

Penny Siewert

Lydia (business woman) Acts 16:11-15

Shirley Schmidt

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

All: Thanks be to God

Children's Message: "Gratitude"

Denice Smith



Message: "We Gave it Our All"

FLCW Board

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

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your
 Spir - it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
 pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Thankoffering Prayers:

Jan Otness

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

CHORUS

Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

VERSE

1. To the lost and the low - ly ones, the mes - sage, it is clear;
2. To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here, the mes - sage, it is true;
We have all got a gift to give: our hands, our hearts, our tears. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got
we have all got a gift to give in all we say and do. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got

Words of Institution

Pastor Hans Anderson

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion Distribution

Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go upstairs to the Nursery

Blessing

Anita Cadwell

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)



1 Praise and thank-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or- chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!



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| Communion Assistants: | 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

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| 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

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| Lefse Making | 8:30PM |
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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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| “Out to Lunch Bunch” Carpool from parking lot | 11:00 AM |
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Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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| Bible Study | 10:00AM |
| WOW | 3:30 PM |
| Meal | 5:00 PM |
| Movie | 6:00 PM |
| Confirmation | 6:00 PM |

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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| Dorcas Circle | 9:00 AM |
| Noami Circle, at church | 1:30 PM |

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

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| Worship Service/ <i>Noisy Offering</i> | 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 6. 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. This special offering is given to the Pine River Backus Family Center 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.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

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

Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In" (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark 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,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 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 us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.