



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN
Christ the King

Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 20, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

Women of the ELCA

Thankoffering

As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action. Gathering in groups called "cent" or "mite" socialites, each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessing received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed 30 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.

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN (Sunday School and congregation) WOV # 748

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS LBW pg. 77

HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns LBW # 170

GREETING LBW pg. 78

KYRIE LBW pg. 78

HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord God, heavenly king..." LBW pg. 80

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them,

and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (please read responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his
voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
**Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he
has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN Come, You Thankful People, Come LBW # 407

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: *receive our prayer.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in me.....

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts. Nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen**

THE SACRAMENT

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LBW pg. 89

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LBW pg. 91

THE LORD'S PRAYER LBW pg. 91

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; and 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.

THE MEAL (the congregation may come forward)

LAMB OF GOD LBW pg. 92

THANK THE LORD LBW pg. 92

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION LBW pg. 94

BENEDICTION LBW pg. 95

SENDING HYMN Sing to the Lord of Harvest LBW # 412

DISMISSAL LBW pg. 95

POSTLUDE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering for Thanksgiving Day. We give thanks for the food that has come from farm and field and prepared by loving hands. We ask your blessings on our families, friends and homes. We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and pray for health and strength to carry on and live as You would have us. This we ask in the name of Christ, Our Heavenly Father. Amen.

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Ron Lundquist

Ushers ~ Women of the Church

Music ~ Diane Boback

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday November 13th ~ \$ 590.00

~Prayer Concerns~

Family of Jan Kaster, Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson,
Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Tom & Judy Lehtinen

~Calendar ~

Tuesday 8:30 Bandage Rolling

2:00 Interchurch

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

(Day earlier because of

Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday)

Wednesday 9:00 Quilting

Next Sunday 10:30 Worship
Sunday School
11:30 Coffee an

Next Sunday ~ November 27th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Janet Salo

Ushers ~ Ron & Maren Lundquist

Music ~ Diane Boback

Announcements

****Bulletin announcement deadline this week is Wednesday, Nov. 23, instead of Thursday, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.****

LADIES: Our Christmas Dinner/Silent Auction is back and will be on DECEMBER 12 at our church. Signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Looking forward to a great attendance and silent auction items! All proceeds go to the Aurora Food Shelf and Kids' Closet at Mesabi East.

November and December is a time to focus on being good stewards in our church. Please take this time to examine ways we all can be aware of stewardship in our lives, community and church. Our time, our talents and our money.

Wanted ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

Prayer Concerns ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

Prayer Chain ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328 , Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471.

Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!

11/18 – 11/24	Barrett Honkola
11/25 – 12/1	Jon Knapper
12/2 – 12/8	Steve Lafrenier

Annual Report time is quickly approaching. The deadline is December 31, 2022. The Holiday Season is beginning and life usually gets busier than usual, so if you are the committee member responsible for turning in this report this is just a gentle reminder. 😊

Celebration of Light and Music ~ Camp Hiawatha, December 11th, 2pm-6:30 p.m. Afternoon activities are free! Space is limited for the meal at 5p.m.

Cost: Activities are Free, Meal Tickets can be purchased online at <https://CLM22.givesmart.com> \$18 (12 +), \$9 (6-11), Free (5 and under)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS ~Sliding, Broomball / Ice Skating, Lefse-making, Waffle Making, Music-filled worship, Holiday meal

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ 2:00 PM-3:50 PM Outdoor Activities & Snacks – View the lights around camp & enjoy cider, lefse and other snacks and activities.

3:50 PM-4:00 PM - Hymn Sing

4:00 PM- 5:00 PM - Worship

5:00 PM-6:30 PM - Dinner (Space is limited!) If you have any trouble or would like help in purchasing meal tickets, please call the main office at 800-331-5148 or 218-481-9080.

Mesabi East Ministerial Association(MEMA) MEMA is an Emergency Fund, and is in dire need of donations. Checks can be made out to Interchurch and left in the offering plate or mailed to: Jan Mikolich, P.O. Box 364, Biwabik, MN 55708. The contact for MEMA is Pastor Barns @ Faith Lutheran Church, 218-742-6525 or Church # 218-225-2715.