

Trinity Lutheran Church
Thanks Offering Service
11-24-24

Welcome

Announcements/Explanation

Opening Song: Gather Us In

ELW 532

L: Welcome Litany:

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

L: Let everyone who has ever felt cast aside, hurt, or lonely say, **C: “I am welcome here.”**

L: Let everyone who has experienced joy and beauty say, **C: “I am welcome here.”**

L: Let everyone who desires to find the goodness of God say, **C: “I am welcome here.”**

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

P: Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

P: Confession

L: Prayer of the day: 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, **C: Amen.**

Readings:

Today we are celebrating women of faith. We look to women in the bible as mentors and role models. These rich stories show us women who are mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends. We also hear of these early women serving as leaders, disciples, and in business.

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

Our first reading is from Genesis. Sarah and Abraham had been desiring to have a child for many, many years. God had promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, yet they remained childless. Now in their old age, they receive news of an upcoming baby. Three visitors to the tent where Abraham and Sarah are staying.

The visitors said to Abraham, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD?

Naomi and Ruth (outsider). Ruth 1:7-16 Kay Hines

Two books of the Bible are named for women. In the book of Ruth, Ruth is an outsider from the country of Moab. She and her mother-in-law Naomi are both widowed and travel to Naomi’s hometown of Bethlehem. Ruth becomes the great grandmother of David, and an ancestor of Jesus.

⁷So Naomi set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So Naomi said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge,
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Esther (leader and advocate) Esther 2:15-18; 4:13-14 Nancy DeBoer

Esther is the other book of the bible named for a woman. Esther is the story of an unlikely young woman becoming the queen and leading the people. She has hidden the fact that she is Jewish from her husband the king and problems arose for the Jewish people. This story is the basis for the Jewish holiday of Purim.

When the turn came for Esther (the girl Mordecai had adopted, the daughter of his uncle Abihail) to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her. She was taken to King Xerxes in the royal residence in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. And the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality.

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Choir

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

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus spends time with Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Lydia (businesswoman). Acts 16:11-15 Stacey Tveit

Lydia is one of the women we encounter in the book of Acts. She is a businessperson selling purple cloth, which was a very expensive commodity in her time.

Paul and Timothy set sail from Troas and [arrived at] Phillipi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home. "And she prevailed upon us. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: For All the Faithful

ELW 419, V 1,5,7

Holy Communion, Thanks offering, & Weekly Offering

P: Blessing

P: God has filled the hungry and thirsty with good things:

C: "Let us give thanks to God, for God's mercy endures forever!"

P: God has done wonderful works for all people:

C: "Let us rejoice in God's steadfast love!"

P: God has looked upon us with grace and favor:

C: "Let us remember God's mercy!"

P: God has put into our hearts a song of thanksgiving and freedom:

C: "Let us join our voices in singing our praise!"

P: The God of abundance, Creator, +Redeemer, and Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

C:Amen.

Farewell and God Speed to the Korzan family

Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving

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P: Sending: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 11-24-24

Noisy Offering in November will be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief

Donations to the Food Pantry can be dropped off in the entry of the church in the green tote.

If you know of someone who should receive home communion and/or a visit from a church member, please let Pastor Paula know. We are trying to reach out to those who are unable to join us at church.

Bring your pies for the Thanksgiving meal to church by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

OUR SERVICE MINISTERS

Presiding: Pastor Paula Canby

Musician: Stacey Tveit

Hosts: WELCA Ladies

Lectors: WELCA Ladies

Communion Assistants: WELCA Ladies

Deacon: Janet Coy

Altar Care: Kathi Anderson & Dianne Graves

Attendance: 80

SANCTUARY CANDLE

11-26-24 Happy heavenly birthday to Peg Steckelberg from Scott and Dotty Hieb

PEOPLE TO BE REMEMBERED.

TLC members: Marlys Buum, Esther Hanson, Larry Larsen, Alice Odens, Mike Selland, Cindy Wilkens

Family & Friends: Josh Adams, Lance Buum, Kayleen Haiar, Sandy Hook, Bob & Betty Juhl, Larry Kercher, Marcia Kindt, Ranissa Koellner, Ben Larson, Barb McGinnis, Miley Jo Mines, Kate Mohr, Sara Narron, Glen Osborne, Chris Reinboth, Diane Hieb, Mike Roberson, Steve Ahlbrecht, Lezlie Amelia, Gale Holler.

CALENDAR

11-24-24 9:30 a.m. Thankoffering Service w Communion
11-24-24 5:30 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
11-25-24 9:00 a.m. Decorating the church for Christmas
11-25-24 5:30 p.m. Choir
11-27-24 NO WOWSOME OR CONFIRMATION
11-28-24 11-2 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal at the Community Center
11-30-24 2:00 p.m. Advent Tea (all are invited)
12-1-24 9:30 a.m. Worship service w Communion

OFFERING INFORMATION

Month of October		YTD	
Income	\$ 12,362.50	Income YTD	\$ 110,071.00
Expenses	\$ 9,868.58	Expenses YTD	\$ 82,028.34
Difference	\$ 2,493.92	Difference	\$ 28,042.66

Trinity practices open communion – All who believe the bread and wine are Jesus' body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune with us. Please let your server know if you choose grape juice.

Secretary's email: trinitysec@midstatesd.net
if you have info for the bulletin, please e-mail secretary by Tuesday at 4 pm.

Sanctuary candle requests: krAnderson@midstatesd.net

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