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WELCOME TO THE STORY

2017 Thankoffering Service

Women of the Lutheran Church have been gathering in the setting of Thankoffering services since the early 1900s. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, meeting together as faithful women joyfully giving thanks and praise for what God has given to us.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . “Rise and Sing”

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you're alive and you've been redeemed
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing
If you've been touched by the mercy King
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you were bound but now you're free
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing
Lift up a shout of victory
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King
Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If in your heart rings a melody
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing
If you have tasted and have seen
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King

'Cause our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King.
Everybody rise and sing.

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh, Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Let the redeemed of the Lord sing hallelujah (hallelujah)
Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns
(our God reigns)
(Repeat)

Our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King

'Cause our God is risen and reigning
and we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King.
Everybody rise and sing.

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION TO THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

Please Stand

LITANY FOR GATHERING

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: O Lord my God, you are very great.

L: Today brings all we need to praise our loving God.

All: Creator, you have made us in your image.

L: Today brings all we need to live in peace and purpose.

All: Redeemer, you have called us to new life.

L: Today brings all we need to live abundantly.

All: Renewer, you have brought us together to sing your praise.

L: Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

All: Companion, you guide us to your beloved community.

L: Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

All: Healer, you inspire us to ministry and action.

L: For the church, the society and the world,

All: Lord our God, we humbly enter into worship.

L: Prepare our hearts.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

L: Our thanksgiving rises to you, O God, on the wings of song and the joy of dance.

All: When we are fearful of giving expression to our thanks, forgive us!

L: Our thanksgiving finds expression, O God, when the disadvantaged are identified and the lowly ones affirmed.

All: When we are apathetic about encouraging the downhearted and supporting the weak, forgive us!

L: Our thanksgiving comes home to us, O God, when our way of life, our health, or our chance of fulfillment takes a turn for the better.

All: When we are without hope of change, when we will not see the light, forgive us!

L: Our thanksgiving breaks barriers, O God, breaks through the limitations of nation, race, and status.

All: When we keep ourselves to ourselves, when fear or apathy prevents us from taking risks, forgive us!

L: Our thanksgiving finds a focus, O God, in the person of Jesus Christ.

All: When we fail to see his image in the marginalized ones today, when we hang back from following his way, forgive us!

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Thanksgiving calls us to repentance, O God.

All: Thanksgiving becomes a reality, as old challenges are squarely faced, as new insights are taken to heart, as we find fresh courage to go in a faithful direction.

L: God's peace will be your peace from this moment on.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG . . . "Hallelujah, Jesus is Lord"

Chorus

Hallelujah, Jesus is Lord
Hallelujah death is no more
Hallelujah, hope is restored
Hallelujah, Jesus is Lord

He was dead in the grace and
All hope vanished away
He arose, He's alive and
I'm ready to shout it on high

Chorus

We're alive in the Son
Longing for the day He will come
In a flash, trumpet blast
Christ the Victor will raise us at last!

Chorus

Hallelujah, Jesus is Lord

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

LITANY OF MANY GENERATIONS

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

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

L: We give thanks for Eve,
All: God be praised.
L: Deborah and Esther,
All: God be praised.
L: Ruth and Naomi,
All: God be praised.
*L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you,
O God.*
**All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you,
O God.**

L: For the mother of our Lord,
All: God be praised.
L: And Mary Magdalene,
All: God be praised.
L: Mary and Martha,
All: God be praised.
L: The Samaritan woman,
All: God be praised.
L: All who walked with Jesus,
All: God be praised.
*L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you,
O God.*
**All: For the many generations we give thanks to you,
O God.**

L: All who died for faith,
All: God be praised.
L: All who vowed to serve you,
All: God be praised.
L: Florence Nightingale,
All: God be praised.
L: Teresa of Avila,
All: God be praised.
L: Katharina von Bora,
All: God be praised.

L: All renewers of your church,
All: God be praised.
L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you,
O God.
**All: For the many generations. We give thanks to you,
O God.**
L: For Harriet Tubman,
All: God be praised.
L: Sojourner Truth,
All: God be praised.
L: All renewers of society,
All: God be praised.
L: For our mothers and daughters,
All: God be praised.
L: Our sisters and family,
All: God be praised.
L: Generations to come,
All: God be praised.
*L: For the many generations, we give thanks to you,
O God.*
**All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you,
O God.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
All: By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST READING . . . 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant, not stingy, in providing for our lives.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

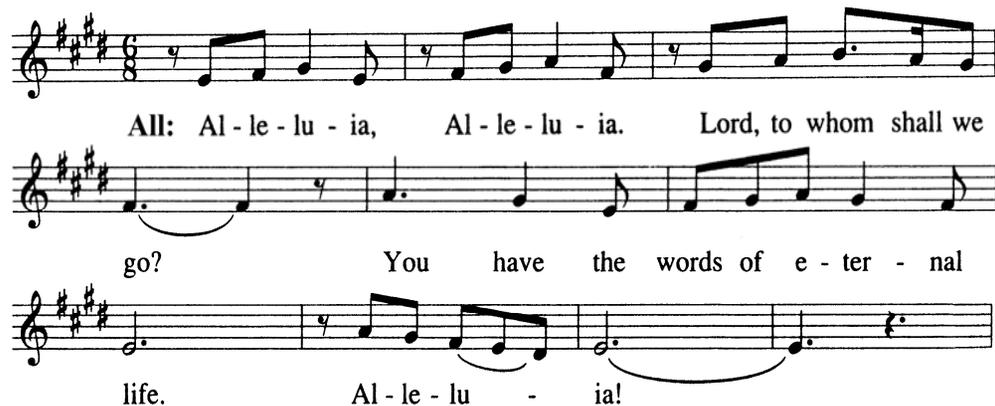
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE



All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

L: *The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.*

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

L: The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME ... *Carmen Blair*

Please Stand

SONG . . . "10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Repeat Chorus

Ending

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Carmen Blair*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God, grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: **In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, "Thank you." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG . . . "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say “I am strong”
 Let the poor say “I am rich”
 Because of what the Lord has done for us
(Repeat)

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say “I am strong”
 Let the poor say “I am rich”
 Because of what the Lord has done for us
 Give Thanks

Please Stand

OFFERING RESPONSE

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Loving Shepherd, just as you gathered the lost and scattered sheep, that they might be fruitful and multiply,
All: gather our offerings this day, that they might multiply as they go forth to help a lost and scattered world.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world and all in need of prayer.

L1: God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards in your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places and ministries that you have entrusted to our care. Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work. We pray in abundance,

All: Creator, draw us in.

L2: God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women who acted boldly on their faith to change the world. Bring their influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly. We pray in abundance,

All: Creator, draw us in.

L3: God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Give us curiosity and courage to live into the fullness of our communities. We pray in abundance,

All: Creator, draw us in.

L4: God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Women of the ELCA, you have called us more deeply into relationship with

you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another. We pray in abundance,

All: Creator, draw us in.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: We pray in abundance,

All: Creator draw us in.

L: God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

L: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

L: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

L: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

L: Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking, the story which shapes us, the grieving and the pain; the seeking and the loving.

And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine for justice, and who hold out for the time that is coming. In these elements which were consecrated earlier, we are bound to the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. God, food of the poor; Christ, our bread, give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf of community that makes us human joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A warm loaf that makes us a family, sacrament of your body, your wounded people.

All: As we come together to eat at your table, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving for your mighty acts.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

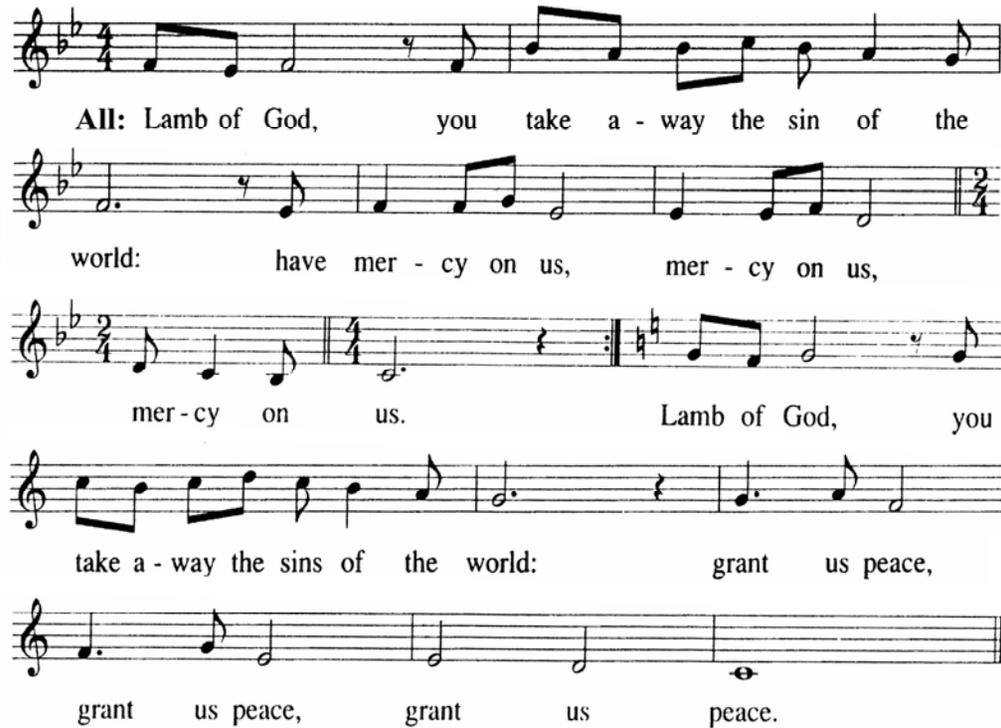
L: Come to the Banquet of the King who welcomes all.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Communion is by intinction.

Wine is red, grape juice is white.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG . . . “Come to the Table”

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord’s invitation
Receive from his nail-scarred hands
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb
(Repeat both verses)

COMMUNION SONG . . . “Eat this Bread”

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup
Trust in me and you will not thirst

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst.

All: By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

BENEDICTION

L: Thanksgiving to you, O God.

All: Thanksgiving for the glorious Creator, thanksgiving for a community that sustains us,

L: Thanksgiving for a word to challenge us, thanksgiving for Jesus, the Way for us,

All: Thanksgiving for your eternal Hope!

L: O Loving, joyful and careful God,

All: Thank you!

SENDING SONG . . . “Thankful”

Verse 1

I like to think about the goodness of the Lord
He gives me everything I need and so much more
So I just wanna lift my hands and say that I love him
I just wanna lift my heart in praise!

Chorus

I wanna be thankful. I wanna be grateful
I wanna remember everything
that the Lord has done
I wanna be thankful, I wanna be grateful
I wanna be, I wanna be, I wanna be

Repeat Verse 1

Repeat chorus twice

I wanna be, I wanna be, I wanna be, I wanna be,
I wanna be, I wanna be, I wanna be

DISMISSAL

L: Proclaim your thanksgiving! God is good! Rejoice in all God has given you.

All: We will declare God’s greatness to all: we will work to build up the faith community and to share our blessings with the needy. May it be so!

**All are invited to the
Thanksgiving potluck in
Holland Hall following the
service.**



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