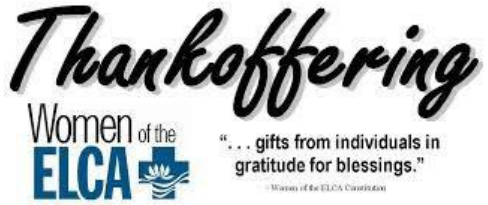


November 19th, 2023
2023 WELCA
Thankoffering Service
Women of the ELCA



OUR MISSION

Fisher - As Children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name.

Bygland - "We are God's work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus' name."

PRELUDE

BELLS

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the triune God, who pours out love, justice, and mercy in abundance. **Amen.**

Joined by water to Christ and to creation, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (*Water may be poured into the font*)

For all gifts of water, we give you thanks, O God.

For rivers and lakes, for streams and oceans, the Red River and the Red Lake River, for healing rains and clean water to drink: **we give you thanks, O God.**

For Jesus's baptism and commissioning in the waters of the Jordan, For the Samaritan woman, revived by living water, For your holy river that waters the tree of life: **we give you thanks, O God.**

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, For baptismal waters, For the cleansing of our hearts, For the refreshment of our spirits, For waves of mercy, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Blessing, honor, and glory be to you, O God, and eternal gratitude for all your good gifts. **Amen.**

Gathering Song *Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW #689)*

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray...**God of abundance, We give thanks every time we remember your goodness. Teach us to respond to your love with faithfulness and generosity. Keep us mindful of your blessings, and especially the blessing of wholeness and salvation that you offer us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble**

³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited**

town;

⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

⁴³Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time with Children

Gospel: Matthew 26:6-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹For you always

have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. Sermon

Hymn of the Day (Give Thanks)

CHORUS

♩ = 80 Am/C ♯ F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One; Give

1 | 2, 3

5 B♭ F/A F E♭ Gm7/C C7 Am/C Gm7/C C7 C/B♭

thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, His Son. Give Son. And

VERSE

Am7 Dm7 C/D Dm7 Gm7 B♭/C C B♭/D C/E Fmaj7 Am/E

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of

1 | 2

15 Dm7 C/D Dm7 E♭ E♭/D Gm7/C C7 C/B♭ Gm7/C C7 Am/C

Last time to Coda *D.S. al Coda*

what the Lord has done for us; And us. Give

ENDING

19 Gm7/C C7 B♭/C F Fmaj7

Coda

us. Give thanks.

21 Gm7/F F

Prayers of Intercession *(Women leaders)*

With gratitude to God, we remember in prayer our church, our neighbors, and our world. *Silence is kept.*

O God, we remember your church across the world. Let your good news be known through many and diverse forms of worship and service.

Encourage your faithful people to generosity in all things.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember the bounty of creation. In this harvest season, grant us and all creatures sufficient food and water. Heal the earth where it faces drought, flood, fire, and storms.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember the nations of the world and their leaders. Transform the hearts of governments and authorities that compassion and grace overflow from their leadership. Empower us toward acts of charity and advocacy.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember the struggles of our neighbors. Grant hope and healing to all who are sick, afraid, in pain, or facing transitions. Bless and protect all who serve as caregivers, health care providers, and social workers.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember all ministries of this church, and especially Women of the ELCA.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all that for which we pray, trusting in your mercy, given for us and for all, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Thankoffering – *Offerings are being given to the Churchwide WELCA*

Offering Song *We Are An Offering (ELW #692)*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray... **Gracious God, We give thanks each time we remember you and your blessings. Bless our thankofferings and the work of Women of the ELCA that these offerings make possible. Make us good and faithful stewards of your gifts, that all people know the bounty of your love. We pray in the name of Christ, Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

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
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Invitation to Communion

The table overflows with Christ's gifts of bread and wine. Come and join in the feast of mercy.

Lamb of God *(P. 154)*

Communion Hymns

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW #674)

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... **Holy God, You have provided for us a feast of life. We are nourished and we are grateful. Strengthen us through this meal and send us out to provide for others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing *(Women leading)*

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:

Pastor- The God of abundance, Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Now Thank We All Our God (ELW #840)*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live with gratitude.

Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today – Arthritis meal following FLC Worship – Free will donation.
Pastor is out of town for continuing education the 19th-22nd following worship.
Newsletter Deadline
- Nov. 21st NO Stretch & Pray
- Nov. 22nd NO Confirmation Class
- Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving Day
6:30 AM AA at FLC
NO Stretch & Pray
- Nov. 24th Pastor’s Day off
- Nov. 26th 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher
NO Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship at Bygland
- Pastor Gretchen will be starting a Bible Study on Mondays for our joint Parish. Theme is “Scripture Talk” Nov. 27th 6-7 PM at BLC, Dec. 4th 6-7 PM at FLC, Dec. 11th 6-7 PM at BLC, Dec. 18th 6-7 PM at FLC
- FLC Council Retreat – Pastor Rebel Hurd from the NWMN Synod, will facilitate retreat. Sunday Dec. 10th, 1-3PM
- BLC Council Retreat – Dec. 17th 1-3 PM – Pastor Sue Koesterman, Chief executive officer at Churchs United.
- A note from the Fisher Council – Sunday offerings to date only cover 50% of the 2023 budget for the General Fund.
- Fisher & Bygland are welcome to buy Poinsettias. Makes checks payable to Fisher Lutheran and write in the memo line what church they are going to.

Christmas Poinsettias



If you are interested in providing a poinsettia/s to be displayed at church during Christmas, please fill out this form and give to Sheryl Tinkam or place in the "altar" mailbox in the narthex along with a check or cash.

*Please make checks out to Fisher Lutheran with "plant" on the memo line.

Orders need to be in by Sunday November 26th

Cost: 6 1/2 " Single Plant (5-7 blooms) **\$12.00**

All varieties below available in this size

Red, White, Pink, or Novelty

(Substitution with red if colors sell out)

7 1/2" Double (10-15 blooms) **\$20.00 each**

*Available in Red or White only

10" Triple (15 plus blooms) **\$35.00 each**

*Available in Red or White only

Color _____ Size _____

YOUR NAME _____