

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist Service of Thanksgiving November 10, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.

At the entrance by the font:

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P My sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P You are sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- P You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Gathering Song

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
- All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

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- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
- Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
 Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
 Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Entrance Antiphon

- P Sing and play music in your hearts to the Lord,
- C Always giving thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20)

Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. 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.
- C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Joel 2: 21-27

The prophet Joel understood that a locust plague that ravaged the land of Judah was God's judgment on the people, whom he then called to repentance. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a time when God will bless the land and cause it to produce food in abundance.

A A reading from Joel.

²¹ Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!
²² Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

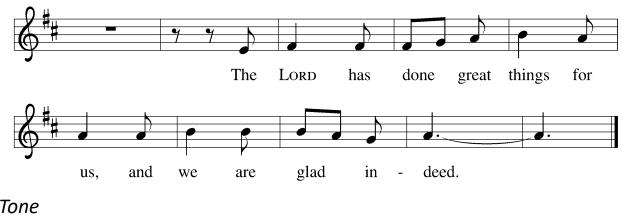
- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 126

The refrain will be sung by the Cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated **R**.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,

then were we like | those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them." R

³The LORD has done great | things for us,

and we are | glad indeed.

⁴Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,

like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

⁵Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Christians are encouraged to offer prayers and thanks for all people, including rulers. We offer such inclusive, far-reaching prayers because God desires to save all people.

A A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

-this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

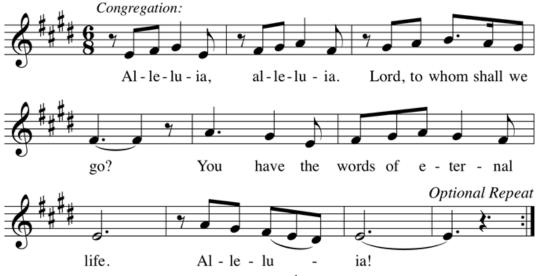
A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Verse Tone



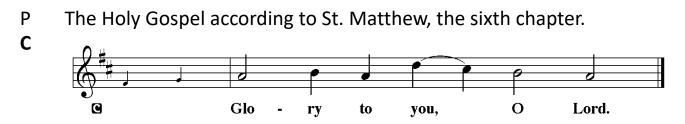
Cantor

God is able to provide you with every blessing ¹ in abundance,* so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in ev-¹ 'ry good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)

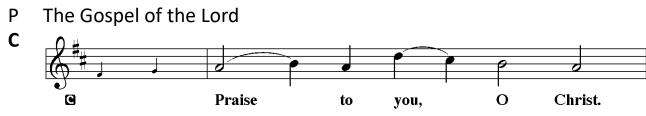
Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples about the providence of God so that they would regard life with thanksgiving and trust rather than anxiety.



[Jesus said,] ²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Sing to the Lord of Harvest The assembly stands at the last stanza.

- Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise; by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
- Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

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Profession of Faith The Nicene Creed *The assembly stands.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers Of The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

- A Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C Amen.

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
 The peace of the riser Christ he with you always

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.

Greeting:Peace be with you.Response:And also with you.

The assembly may be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave and Chapel entrances.

Offertory Song

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For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1 and 2) The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts. DIX

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: *Refrain*

Refrain

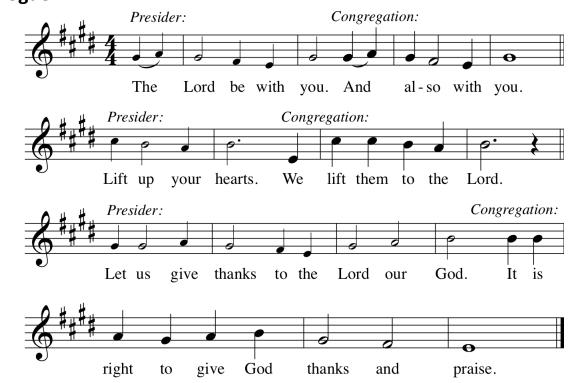
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

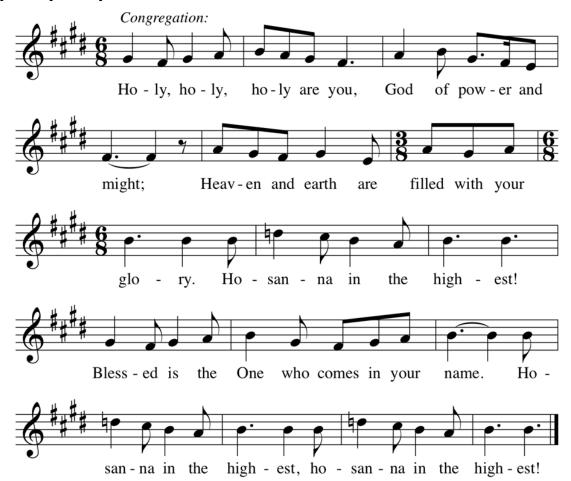
- P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- C Blessed be God forever!
- P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- C Blessed be God forever!
- A Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue



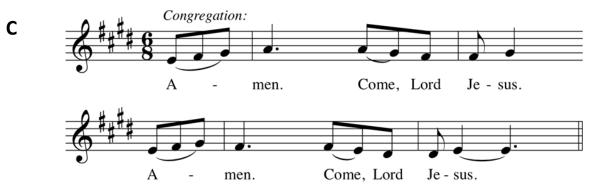
Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

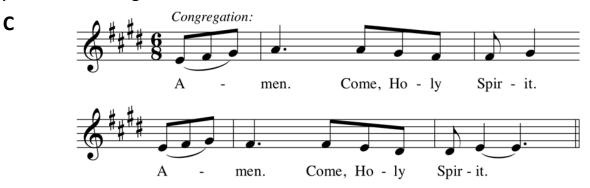


Eucharistic Prayer

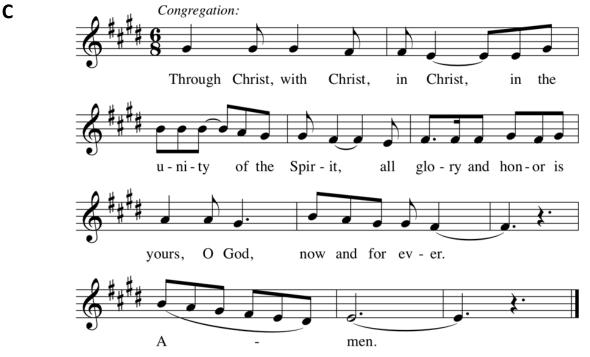
At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life." Sung twice.



The Eucharistic prayer continues: "... that all may be fed with the Bread of Life, your Son." Sung twice.



The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever."

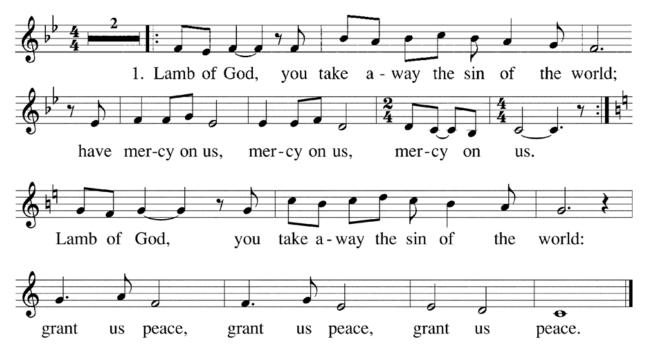


The Lord's Prayer

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

 C 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.

Lamb of God



Invitation to Communion

- P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly may be seated.

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 3 through 5) The assembly stands.

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

Prayer After Communion

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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C Amen.

Sending Song

Now Thank We All Our God

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FESTAL SONG

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

- A The Liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with wov are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation resumes November 17, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Meeting Notice

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave.

This Week

Sunday November 10	9:30 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <u>www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com)</u>
Service of Thanksgiving	10:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Nave)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	W/ELCA (Gathering Room)
November 11	•	Congregation Council (Gathering Room) Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
November 12		Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
November 13	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday November 15	11:00 a.m.	Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Fall Clean-Up (Church Grounds)
November 16	5:00 p.m.	Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday		December <i>Call</i> Deadline
November 17 Lectionary 33	8:30 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—Link may be found at www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com)
	9:45 a.m.	Congregational Q and A Gathering Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

- M Ruth 1: 1-22, 1 Timothy 5: 1-8, Psalm 94
- T Ruth 3: 14—4:6, 1 Timothy 5: 9-16, Psalm 94
- W Ruth 4: 7-22, Luke 4: 16-30, Psalm 94
- Th Daniel 4: 4-18, 1 Timothy 6: 11-21, Psalm 16
- F Daniel 4: 19-27, Colossians 2: 6-15, Psalm 16
- Sa Daniel 4: 28-37, Mark 12: 1-12, Psalm 16
- Su Daniel 12: 1-3; Psalm 16, Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8



Worship Dedications The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Nate's birthday by the Davis Family.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God's healing grace by Mary and Fred Sprunk.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$4 <i>,</i> 654.00
Total Received	6,115.88
Difference	1,460.12

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

WE OFFER OUR SYMPATHES AND THE COMFORT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH to the family and friends of Sylvia Mummert, who died October 31, 2024. A funeral service was held at Good Shepherd on November 7, 2024, with Pastor Baker presiding.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button at <u>goodshepherdpaxtang.com</u>.



THANK YOU so very much to all the kind and caring Good Shepherd family who have reached out to me with cards, notes, calls, and other acts of kindness as I continue to recover from my hip surgery. —Sue Bricker

FALL CLEAN UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD will be held **Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:30 a.m.** We will concentrate on cleaning leaves and debris from all areas. We hope to weed the landscape beds, remove dead annuals, cut off the tops of perennials as needed and trim shrubs if necessary. Coffee, donuts and bottled water will be available. Please contact Bill Baum if you can help.

THE ADULT FORMATION CLASS resumes meeting **November 17 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Gathering Room and will begin a new discussion topic, "Seeing Christmas through the sights, sounds, and scents of Advent and the Nativity." Each week a different participant (s) in the Christmas story will the the focus of discussion. John Switaj will lead the class.

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1: Two Advent devotionals will be offered for the season: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," an inspirational volume pairing Henri J.M. Nouwen's thoughts with daily Scripture readings, and "Time for a Savior," a daily Advent devotional for children. Both devotionals will be available in the Narthex of the Nave and the literature racks outside of the Chapel beginning November 16.

PERSONAL CARE KITS: During this season leading up to Thanksgiving, W/ELCA and Workshop are collecting Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, in support of those affected by recent natural disasters and war. Items needed are: bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz. in original wrapping), adult-size toothbrushes (in original packaging), sturdy combs (no picks), metal nail clippers (attached file optional), and light-weight bath-size towels (between 20"x 40" and 27"x 52," dark color recommended). Please place items you wish to donate in the bin in the Breezeway labeled "Personal Care Kits." Thank you for your support of those in need.

From the Broader Church and Community

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS NEEDED: Community Aid typically experiences low donation levels at the end of the year. Donations of gently used clothing, shoes, electronics, and toys may be dropped off at any Community Aid center. When you make your donation, please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations.

Poinsettias for Christmas
We spend only funds designated for seasonal decorations. Nothing is ever spent from the general fund. Please return this coupon with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) if you'd like to contribute toward this effort. Dedications will be printed in the back of the bulletin at Christmas.
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