



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission:

To Proclaim the Gospel

To Make Disciples

To Embody God's Love

INTRODUCTION

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service.

Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thankoffering



"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."

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**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW—Red Book)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord”

Emily Schuttenberg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

ELW p. 116-118

***SHARING THE PEACE** P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

***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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“This is the feast of victory for our God ...”

ELW p. 122-123

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Renewing God pour out your power and come. In the waters of baptism, you claim us and call us to be your beloved children. May water be our ever-present sign that you ever make all things new. Refresh us with the good news of Christ's love and anoint us with your Holy Spirit, that we might know the fullness of the new life that you prepare for us in your kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray. **C: Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

LESSONS

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 104; Titus 3:4-7

Linda Hewitt

***HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Alleluia, Alleluia ...”

ELW p. 124

***GOSPEL READING**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

John 4:5-26

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Remember and Rejoice”

ELW #454

***APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW p. 127

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #583

***OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Linda Hewitt

A: God of grace, you have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us many ministries, one of those being the Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. **C: Amen.**

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

ELW p. 65-66

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

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.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW #879

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Linda Hewitt

A: We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with a mother’s tender care and feeding us in a way our hearts and souls can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you ... **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

(vs. 1, 2, 5) ELW #579

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Emily Schuttenberg

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, and in memory of Joe Yount by Sheila Yount.

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Assisting Minister: Linda Hewitt

Organist: Emily Schuttenberg

Communion Assistants: Tiffany Caudill, Elaine Simmons

Deacons: Terry Hefner, Kerri Nash

Altar Guild: Hilka Cox, Exie Little

Ushers: Hilka Cox, Cathy Sigmon

Tabulators: Ginger Carpenter, Cathy Sigmon, Jean Cloninger, Hilda Deal

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EXODUS 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So, Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains...May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works — who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

TITUS 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

JOHN 4:5-26

So, he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."