

CELEBRATING THE
GIFTS OF WOMEN

Thankoffering Service



Sunday November 16th 2025
Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of S. Newstead

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: We gather in the name of our creator, redeemer +, and sustainer.

ALL: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ and named as God's beloved, we give thanks for the gift of baptism that roots us in life, renews us in strength, and frees us to be bold.

We give you thanks, O God, For at the beginning of time, your creative spirit moved over the waters, your Word brought new life, and you called it good.

We give you thanks, O God, for waters that sustain and heal. You revealed a spring of water to Hagar, saving her and her son Ishmael. You brought your people out of the waters of the Exodus, leading Miriam to shout out in song. You held Moses in the River Nile, where Pharaoh's daughter would find him and care for him as her own.

You kept the party going when, at Mary's request, Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding. You led a Samaritan woman to a well, where she would be met by Jesus' grace and given living water that lasts.

Even today, you shower us with life, and we praise you. With your living water, sustain our souls, show us empathy and welcome, give us strength, and lead us by your divine spark to lives of compassion and mercy.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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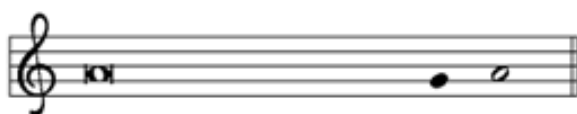
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*GREETING:

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.

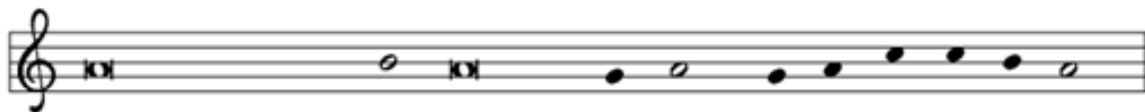
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



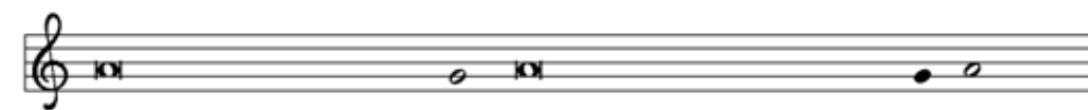
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



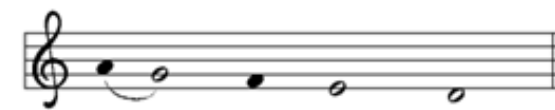
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

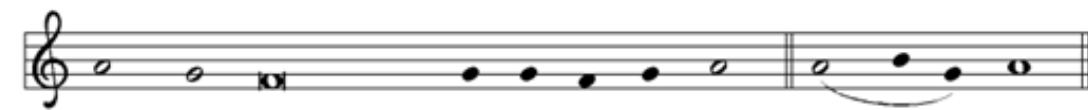


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister

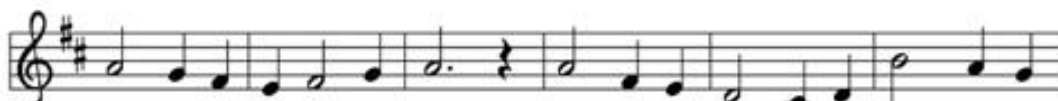


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

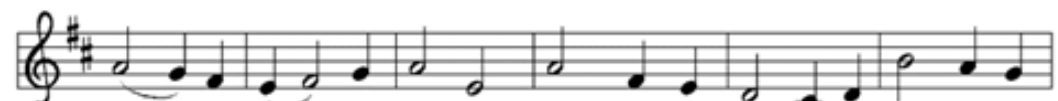
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray,

God of Glory, we are gathered today in your presence to celebrate and give thanks for all of the gifts and talents given to women. While we recognize the abundance we have, we also recognize the struggles of women in our own country and around the world. Sometimes these struggles are voiced or are internal conflicts that only You know about. Lord, bring peace and joy to our hearts today. Allow us to fully absorb the presence of you and of the community of strong women surrounding us.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Ruth 1:7-16

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. L: Holy Wisdom, Living Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God

PSALM: 139:1-14

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

ALL: ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

L: ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

ALL: ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

L: ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

ALL: ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

ALL: ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

L: ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

ALL: ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

L: ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

ALL: ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

L: ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

ALL: ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 9:18-25

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹⁸ While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”

¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

L: The Gospel, the Good News made real for you.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON: Stories of Women Stewards

HYMN OF THE DAY: Great is thy Faithfulness

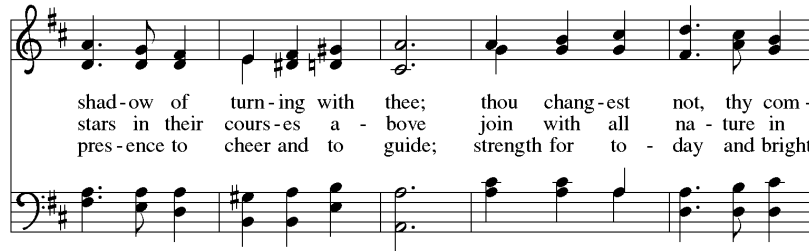
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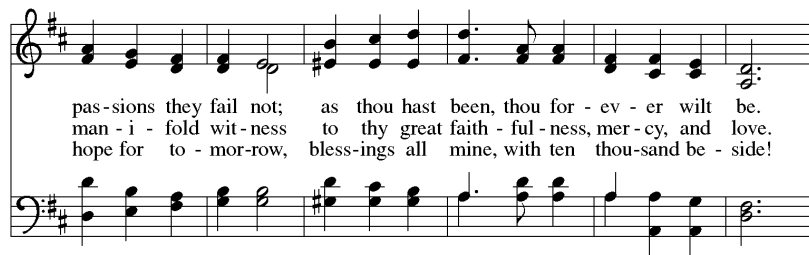
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

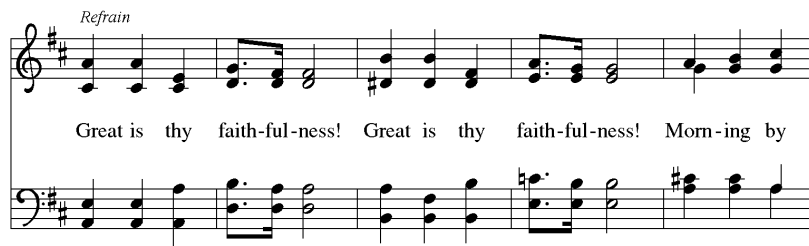


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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APOSTLES CREED

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith:

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In solidarity with your people from every nation and knit together with all of creation, we boldly pray for the church, our world, and all those in need.

Inspire your church, like Ruth and Naomi, to extend arms of compassion and empathy in times of challenge. Equip communities to be welcoming, to show mercy, and to lean into relationships so that all people may know your care. Continue to be with the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport. God our soul,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

L: Guide leaders to reflect the spark of your divine wisdom. Open eyes to see the goodness of your created world and encourage the tender care of those cast aside. Reveal yourself in unexpected places and in the leadership of those called to help. God our Spark,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

L: Bring healing, like the woman who bled for twelve years, to all who are suffering. Give strength to the weary, uplift the lowly, and amplify the voices of those quieted. (*especially:*) Breathe new life into forgotten places, end wars, rejuvenate lands, and uplift spirits. God our Strength,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your love for us, we offer these prayers and whatever else weighs heavy upon us to you, in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.
Please be seated*



SCAN ME

OFFERING

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

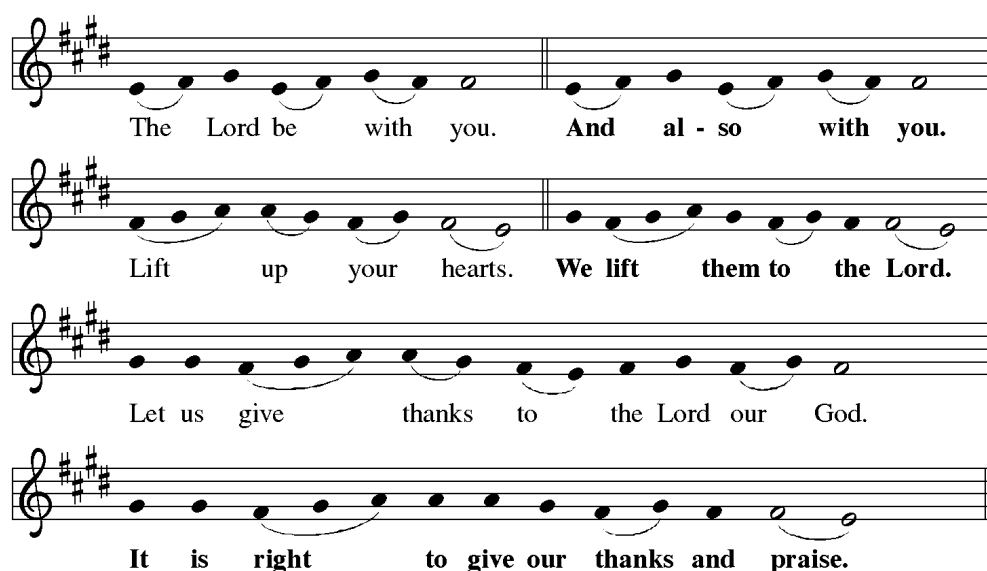
OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together,
God of Abundance,

ALL: You create goodness in everything we offer. Use these gifts to bless the world.

Strengthen ministries, empower leaders, and inspire generosity so that all may know your love. Reveal this love to us once again as we gather at your table that we might embody your compassionate care in all we do. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



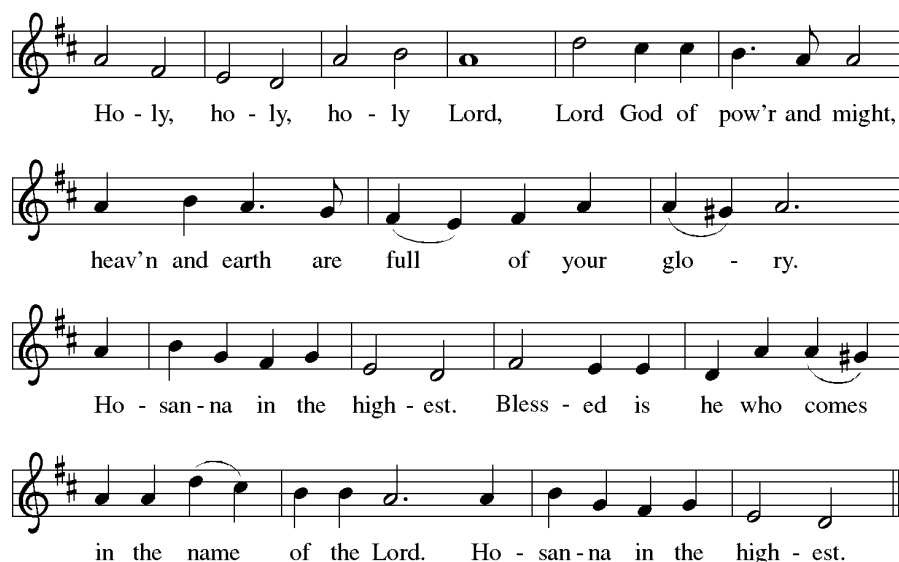
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the
 choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

ALL: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story

Green Book: 390

To be sung during the distribution of communion

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

COMMUNION HYMN – *by request, if needed*
Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Generous God,

ALL: We give thanks!

L: You've gathered us together across generations and created a place at the table for each of us.

ALL: We give thanks!

L: Strengthen us with this meal of your love poured out, fill us with compassion, and nourish us until we meet again.

ALL We give thanks!

L: In the name of Jesus Christ,

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

L: Receive the blessing of God who breathes creativity into every soul and lights up every vision with purpose. Bless the women of the world with the strength that they need, with empathy that brings us together, and with gratitude that moves us all forward. May your love be our guide, and your justice our song that we sing and live out each day. **ALL: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Green Book: 543

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, share the harvest.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

About Today's Readings:

Naomi and Ruth (soul). Ruth 1:7-16

Ruth is a story of deep faithfulness, empathy, and compassion amid adversity. The story's soul demonstrates the power of love to triumph over hopelessness and to bridge great differences. For women like Ruth and Naomi, whose empathy heals generational wounds, we give thanks.

The women who bled for twelve years (strength). Matthew 9:18-25 Through a bold woman, Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power by accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life. For unnamed women who fight to be seen and heard, we give thanks.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Dale Kruschke

Ray Francis

Harold Gardner

Donna Kumpf

Lois Hinsken

Sally Hudson

Ronda Lauridsen

Kate Crampton

Nancy Peters (Harold's sister)

Bob Widenan

David Kennedy\Sharon Ferraro

Sherri (Mary Lou's friend)

Young boy with severe asthma and pneumonia

A young man struggling with addiction

All those dealing with mental health struggles

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Shawn McCormick

Ronda's mom, Anne Lauridsen

Dave Urbanski

Weekly:

Choir rehearsal at 8:30am

Sunday worship at 9:30

Sunday School at 10:45 – NO SS Nov 30

Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see Bible Study list for location)

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Thanksgiving setup – November 17th @ 8am

Thanksgiving distribution – November 18th @ 8am

If you are in need of food before the thanksgiving pickup, Akron Free Methodist Church has food. Their address is 6 Scotland Rd, near the 5 corners. 716-542-2644

Counters: November: Jennifer Kleparek, December: Marilyn

Council: December 9 at 7:00

Office Info: Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Call, text or email any time.

Tracy will be away for Thanksgiving from 11/24-11/30

Upcoming

November 24th – Community Thanksgiving service at Akron First United Methodist

November 30th – Chowder and Rummage Sale Debrief meeting following worship

December 6th – Christmas Decorating Party 10:00am

December 7th – Chrismon Sunday – **also the last day to order Poinsettias**

December 14th – Sunday School Parents' meeting 4th grade and up (During SS hour)

December 24th – Christmas Eve Services – 10am and 7pm

Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

-November 20th – Trinity Wolcotsville 6369 Wolcotsville Rd. Akron 14001

-**November 27th** – off for Thanksgiving

-**December 4th** – Zion Lutheran-4447 Central ave Gasport

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Akron First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church are teaming up to offer an ecumenical **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** on **Monday evening, November 24th at 7 pm**. The service will be at Akron First UMC on Church St. in Akron.

Join us for an evening of reflection, gratitude and unity. A freewill offering will be taken of monetary donations, canned fruit, and ready-to-eat canned meals (think ravioli, stew, etc.) to support the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry as it responds a significant increase of need in our community.

Poinsettia Orders

It's time already! Order forms are in the narthex and are due no later than **December 7th**.

WI-FI: To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:
BeABeacon

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