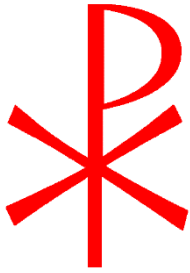


Welcome to Worship  
St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



November 12, 2023



Disciples and Ministers: *All the People*  
Pastor:  
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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *SAM Bob Fett*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*  
Acolyte: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

## **To the Glory of God**

November Candles: [available for sign-up](#)  
November Bulletins: [available for sign-up](#)  
November Newsletter: [available for sign-up](#)

**The Flowers** are wishing a Happy and Blessed 89<sup>th</sup> birthday to Bob Kelly with love from Lu Ann, Laura, Vera, Amy, Charlie, John, & Mom wherever we may be. ❤️

**Choir** rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.

Extra copies of the **November** issue of **The Good News Letter** are on the information table in the Narthex.



# Order of Worship

Sunday, November 12, 2023

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."*

### AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: Holy One,

**ALL: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **ALL: Amen.**

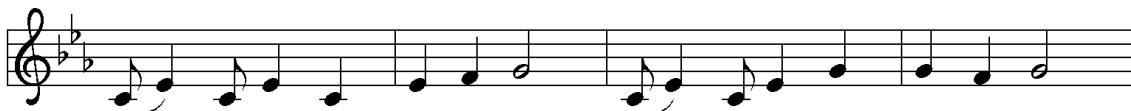
# \*GATHERING HYMN #688

LORD OF LIGHT

## \*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: 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 HYMN #151



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
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Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

## \*THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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# GOD SPEAKS TO US

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## PROPHETIC READING

AMOS 5:18-24

Reader: How terrible it will be for you who long for the day of the LORD! What good will that day do you? For you it will be a day of darkness and not of light. <sup>19</sup>It will be like someone who runs from a lion and meets a bear! Or like someone who comes home and puts his hand on the wall—only to be bitten by a snake! <sup>20</sup>The day of the LORD will bring darkness and not light; it will be a day of gloom, without any brightness.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD says, “I hate your religious festivals; I cannot stand them! <sup>22</sup>When you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; I will not accept the animals you have fattened to bring me as offerings. <sup>23</sup>Stop your noisy songs; I do not want to listen to your harps. <sup>24</sup>Instead, let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 70

Reader: Save me, O God! LORD, help me now!

**ALL: May those who try to kill me be defeated and confused.**

Reader: May those who are happy because of my troubles be turned back and disgraced.

**ALL: May those who make fun of me be dismayed by their defeat.**

Reader: May all who come to you be glad and joyful.

**ALL: May all who are thankful for your salvation always say, “How great is God!”**

Reader: I am weak and poor; come to me quickly, O God.

**ALL: You are my savior and my LORD — hurry to my aid!**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## DISCIPLESHIP READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Reader: Our friends, we want you to know the truth about those who have died, so that you will not be sad, as are those who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him.

<sup>15</sup>What we are teaching you now is the Lord's teaching: we who are alive on the day the Lord comes will not go ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup>There will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven. Those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first; <sup>17</sup>then we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>So then, encourage one another with these words.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

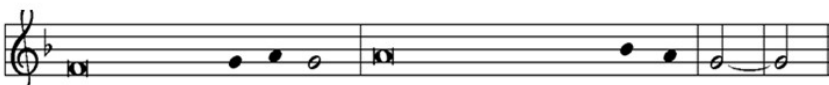
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**ALL:**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader/  
Cantor



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**ALL:**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## \*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 25:1-13

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 25. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: “At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and the other five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil with them, <sup>4</sup> while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was late in coming, so they began to nod and fall asleep.

<sup>6</sup> “It was already midnight when the cry rang out, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come and meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, ‘Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> ‘No, indeed,’ the wise ones answered, ‘there is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed.

<sup>11</sup> “Later the others arrived. ‘Sir, sir! Let us in!’ they cried out. <sup>12</sup> ‘Certainly not! I don’t know you,’ the bridegroom answered.”

<sup>13</sup> And Jesus concluded, “Watch out, then, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE MESSAGE

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY #720

WE ARE CALLED



## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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.

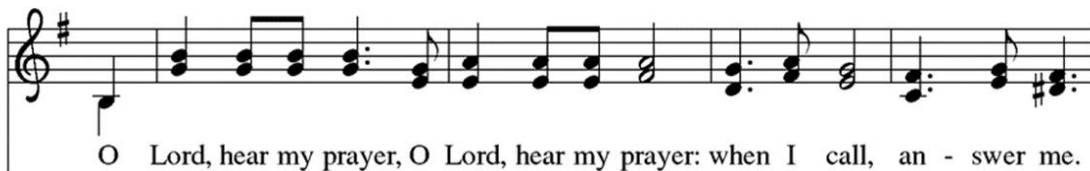
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

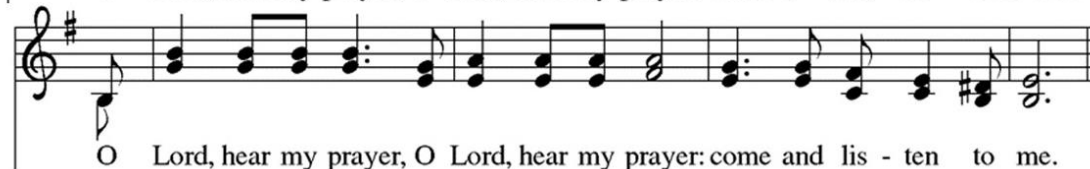
Prayer Leader: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

## \*PRAYER SONG HYMN #751

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

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Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

We pray for Rick, Kolton, Ron, Jim, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Emelyn, Isabella, Mary Ann, Kevin, Shirley, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn,

Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

## \*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

**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**



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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: and also with you**

*Please share God's peace."*

# INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: In gratitude for all that we have received from God let us now present our tithes, and offerings for the work and mission of God's church.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #182

### LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - 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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL:** God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and

care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen

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## **GOD NOURISHES US**

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### **\*THE TABLE PRAYER**

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good.

**ALL: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from our abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen**

### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

**ALL: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life and the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. And so, with all the universe and the hosts of heaven, we join in praise and sing...**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying

**ALL: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying

**ALL: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## DISTRIBUTION

## \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

VERSE 1

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join me prayer,

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

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## GOD SENDS US

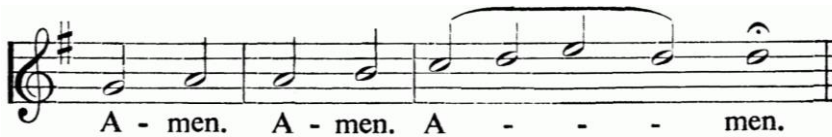
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## \*BLESSING

Leader: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior,

and Spirit, be with you today and always. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**\*THE AMEN**



**\*SENDING HYMN #624**

JESUS, STILL LEAD ON

**\*DISMISSAL**

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



**ELCA "Hunger Appeal" Offering** - Each week as we leave worship, we remember the poor by placing loose change offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex.

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Please remember to stop by the Information Table and sign the greeting cards, reminding our members and friends that we are thinking about them.

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**We welcome** SAM Bob Fett to worship with us this morning. He attended Wittenburg University and graduated with a business degree. Bob went on to operate a residential building company and has built many new homes in the Findlay market. He made many short mission trips into Haiti and Latin America. building churches and schools and drilling water wells. In 2019 -2020 Bob took Diakonia classes and soon after was asked by Bishop Beaudoin to become a Synodically Approved Minister. In July 2021, following the departure of the pastor at English Lutheran Church in Bluffton, he stepped in and served as a lay pastor and worship leader until Jan 2023 when a new pastor was called. Currently Bob and his wife, Sue, are operating a Christian Foundation building homes where the profits go to various charities.



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**Annual Fundraising Dinner** today following worship. Sray and join us for good food and fellowship.

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**North Baltimore Food Pantry November** requested donations include: laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.

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**Annual Congregational Meeting, Next Sunday, November 19 following worship.**

**On the agenda:**

1. Election of 4 Council members for 2-year terms. Those completing their terms are: JoLynn Stewart, Vice President; Clay McCartney, Treasurer; and Suzanne Buckner, Secretary. There is also one vacant position to fill.

2. Presentation of the 2024 budget

3. Approval for new door

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Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for Pastor Elizabeth Hadler and SAM Bob Fett, sent by God to help us along our journey. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Howard Till, Jim Heize, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

**A.S.A.P.**  
*always say a prayer*

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# Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.

# Trusting in God, Trusting with God

Human beings are relational creatures. We are created to be in relationship with one another and with God. No one, no matter how independent or disconnected they may feel they are, functions completely outside the context of relationships. From the moment we are born we are thrust into relationship with people around us—the people who delivered us, the people who will be taking care of us in a hospital nursery, our family, and God. When we enter this world we do so forming relationships right from the start.

Relationships, healthy relationships, require a lot of work and care to continue. In particular, relationships require trust to grow and become mature. Relationships rooted in trust can bring out the best in us. Relationships rooted in anything else can bring out the worst.

Today's readings give us the chance to consider the trust required in the relationship between God and God's people. Moreover, we are invited to give thought to the consequences of replacing trust with something else: hubris stemming from trust in one's identity or work (in Amos), or hubris stemming from trust in others to sustain us rather than God (in Matthew). Paul reminds us that our relationship with God is cause for joy, even in the midst of sorrow, since we believe (trust) God's promise of eternal life through the living Lord Jesus.



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