

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING CHILDREN TO WORSHIP TONIGHT. It is hard work to worship with kids, but it is such important work that helps them and the whole church. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here. Our nursery is available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags also are available there.

OUR OFFERING TONIGHT WILL SUPPORT THE KIDS LUNCH CLUB, the initiative started in summer 2016 by area congregations and Thrivent Financial in Decorah. It is estimated that up to 150 kids, just in Decorah, go without adequate access to meals during the summer months. During the school year, students have access to lunch at school; but during the break, many kids and families struggle. As a community, we've mobilized volunteers to pack and serve lunches to make sure that kids in our community have meal opportunities during the summer.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THANKSGIVING TREATS AND CONVERSATION in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall, down the east hallway, following the service. Bars, coffee and apple cider will be served. Gluten free options are available. Thanks to all who brought treats tonight!

CHOIR Thanks to all who gathered to sing tonight in our event choir conducted by Brooke Joyce, Good Shepherd Music Director.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Brooke Joyce, Music Director, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Rev. Amy Larson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Rev. Dave Sorenson, Decorah Lutheran Church

Rev. Melissa Bills, First Lutheran Church

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Rev. Charis Combs-Lay, Decorah Lutheran Church

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



November 23, 2016

7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* - ELW (red book in pew);
hymn numbers (#) are found in the back of the book; congregational responses in **bold**
*Indicates those times during the service when the assembly stands

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the **✠** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✠** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG:** #689 Praise and Thanksgiving

***GREETING:** 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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Response after reading: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: Rev. Charis Combs-Lay

CHOIR ANTHEM

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

Response after reading: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: Rev. Amy Larson

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** # 845 Voices Raised to You, verse 1

***GOSPEL:** John 6:25-35

Before reading: The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION: Eric Szymanski

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** # 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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 INTERCESSION**

Each prayer petition ends with the words: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING: #870 We Praise You, O God

***LORD'S PRAYER:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG:** #881 Let All Things Now Living

***DISMISSAL:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness ... rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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