

**NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

**Women of the ELCA - Thankoffering**



*RINGING OF BELL*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*Christ Be Our Light*

vss. 1,2,5

ELW No. 715

- 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**  
REFRAIN: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered to day.**
- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word along has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.** REFRAIN
- 5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.** REFRAIN

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.  
We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.  
We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not  
satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to  
treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and  
free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

**O God of justice and love, you light 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.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: Matthew 5:1-12

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *To Be Your Presence*

vss. 1 & 2 No.546

1 **To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, AI - le-lu-ia!**

2 **To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice right uphold, AI - le-lu-ia!**

## HOLY BAPTISM & 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.**

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - Response by Congregation

L: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God, and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

*Sing Response Line* — **Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the renewal of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

L: We pray, holy God, for the unity of the church universal: Draw your people together into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ to carry out his holy mission, together sharing the good news of your justice and love wherever we are sent. Christ, be our light.

**Sing/All: Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation: We give you thanks for transforming the chaotic waters of creation into the saving waters that nourish and sustain all the earth. Renew us every day by your water and your word. Christ, be our light.

**Sing/All: Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world: Lead the nations of the world away from the stony wilderness of sin, and toward the holy light of love, justice, and peace. Christ, be our light.

**Sing/All: Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: We pray, compassionate God, for all in need: For those who hunger and thirst for peace, for belonging, for love, for righteousness, shine your light of justice. For those who mourn or suffer in any way, shine your light of comfort. Christ, be our light.

**Sing/All: Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: We pray, faithful God, for the renewal of all life: Refresh us with your living water and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Embolden us with your promise and your presence. Christ, be our light.

**Sing/All: Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith. May we know the fullness of the new life that you prepare for us in your kingdom. Christ, be our light.

**Sing/All: Shine in your church gathered today.**

L: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Jesus Christ. **Spoken |All: Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.  
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

- P: God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA.
- C: 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. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER – COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* ELW No. 717

- 1 **Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.**
- 2 **Let righteousness roll on as others’ cares we heed,  
an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.**
- 3 **So may God’s plumb line, straight, define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### SENDING

- P: Our God calls us to do justice. May you find strength in God’s grace.
- C: Amen.**
- P: Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness.  
May you find comfort in Christ’s gentleness.
- C: Amen.**
- P: The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with our triune God.  
May you always find joy in God’s love and justice.
- C: Amen.**
- P: Holy Trinity ☩ One God, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *To Be Your Presence* vss. 3 & 4 ELW #546

- 3 **To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and  
Oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, Al - le-lu-ia!**
- 4 **We are your heart, O Christ your hands and voice, to serve your people is our  
call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, Al - le-lu-ia!**

*RINGING OF BELL*

## DISMISSAL

L: Rejoice and be glad in the light of God's love!  
Let us go forth in peace to share the good news.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR: Julie Rogness ASSISTING MINISTER: Mary Danielson-Gates  
COMMUNION SERVERS: Sandy Doehling, & Sharon Homeier, Heidi Haugen  
MUSIC STAFF: Tammy Hanson—Organ; Annette Thunhorst—Piano/Keyboard  
TECH CREW: Jim Braaten, Steve Johnson, Bill Lewis, Dan Rogness, Holly Aldorfer, Heidi Haugen

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sid Strandemo, Faye Marcuson, Lila Cole, Mona Boomgarden, Helen Aase.

### CALENDAR

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Sun/Nov 14	9 am	FLCW THANKOFFERING WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School
	7 pm	AA
Tue/Nov 16	6 pm	Join us for - Rock PAINTING!
Wed/Nov 17	6 pm	Worship
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Senior Choir
	7:45 pm	Council
Thu/Nov 18	7 pm	AA
Sun/Nov 21	9 am	In-Person & Live-Streamed – CHRIST THE KING WORSHIP - <i>Third Grade Bibles presented</i>
	10 am	Sunday School

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THANKOFFERING** • Thankofferings are a long-standing spiritual practice among women of faith – given to support ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Thankofferings may be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office. Envelopes in the Narthex - Coffee & treats served after worship.

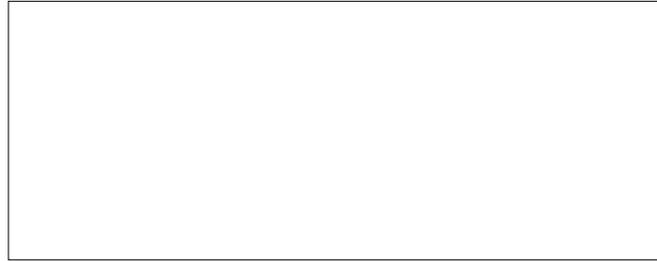
**FLCW IS LOOKING FOR A SECRETARY** • Contact Cindy Lewis or Jackie Mortensen.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** • Please consider donating \$\$ in order to ship our Christmas boxes – each box costs \$9 shipping/handling. Drop off or send Cash or Check (made out to Samaritan's Purse or First Lutheran Youth). Be sure to write OCC Shoeboxes on the memo line. Thank you! Carmen Nesseth.

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LOVE KINDNESS  
WALK HUMBLY  
WITH YOUR GOD

MICAH 6:8