

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023

Prelude / Bell / Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Blessed be the triune + God,
who pours out love, justice, and mercy in abundance.

C: Amen.

L: Joined by water to Christ and to creation, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: For all gifts of water,

C: we give you thanks, O God.

L: For rivers and lakes, for streams and oceans,
[local bodies of water may be named];
for healing rains and clean water to drink:

C: we give you thanks, O God.

L: For Miriam's song of liberation on the far bank of the sea,
For Isaiah's invitation to "come and drink, without money and without price,"
For Jesus's baptism and commissioning in the waters of the Jordan,
For the Samaritan woman, revived by living water,
For your holy river that waters the tree of life:

C: we give you thanks, O God.

L: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
For baptismal waters,
For the cleansing of our hearts,
For the refreshment of our spirits,
For waves of mercy,
For justice, rolling like rivers:

C: we give you thanks, O God.

L: Blessing, honor, and glory be to you, O God,
and eternal gratitude for all your good gifts.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

Praise and Thanksgiving be to God

ELW 458

Prayer

L: God of abundance,

C: We give thanks every time we remember your goodness. Teach us to respond to your love with faithfulness and generosity. Keep us mindful of your blessings, and especially the blessing of wholeness and salvation that you offer us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Responsive Reading

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

L: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

L: hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

C: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

L: he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

C: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

L: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

C: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Reading
L: The Word of the Lord

Philippians 1:3-11
C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Gospel Reading
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 26:6-13
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message

Hymn
Let us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674

Prayers

L: With gratitude to God, we remember in prayer our church, our neighbors, and our world.

Brief silence

L: O God, we remember your church across the world. Let your good news be known through many and diverse forms of worship and service. Encourage your faithful people to generosity in all things. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We remember the bounty of creation. In this harvest season, grant us and all creatures sufficient food and water. Heal the earth where it faces drought, flood, fire, and storms. Bless us with the gifts and inclination necessary to participate in the healing of the earth. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We remember the nations of the world and their leaders. Transform the hearts of governments and authorities that compassion and grace overflow from their leadership. Empower us toward acts of charity and advocacy for those who are poor, neglected, threatened by violence, or forced from their homelands. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We remember the struggles of our neighbors. Grant hope and healing to all who are sick, afraid, in pain, or facing transitions. Especially those we name in our hearts at this time. *(brief silence)* Bless and protect all who serve as caregivers, health care providers, and social workers. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We remember all ministries of this church, and especially Women of the ELCA. Through these organizations, inspire faith, equip leaders, and accomplish works of service and justice. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all that for which we pray, trusting in your mercy, given for us and for all, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Thanksgiving at the Table

L: All praise to you, glorious God of grace.
Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.
With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.
With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.
With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.
Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.
Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.

L: With Mary, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
C: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

L: Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.
Living, he healed the bleeding woman;
dying, he cared for his mother;
risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

L: On the night before he died, he 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.

L: 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.

L: With Mary, again we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
C: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

L: Mighty God of mercy,
as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us.
Send your Spirit on this bread and wine,
that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
C: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

L: All praise to you, powerful God of peace.
We adore you, our God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you who mother and feed and comfort us,
[today](#), [tomorrow](#), and forever. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Invitation to Communion

The table overflows with Christ's gifts of bread and wine. Come and join in the feast of mercy.

Communion

Prayer After Communion

L: Holy God,
C: You have provided for us a feast of life. We are nourished and we are grateful. Strengthen us through this meal and send us out to provide for others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

L: God has filled the hungry and thirsty with good things:
C: Let us give thanks to God, for God's mercy endures forever!
L: God has done wonderful works for all people:
C: Let us rejoice in God's steadfast love!
L: God has looked upon us with grace and favor:
C: Let us remember God's mercy!
L: God has put into our hearts a song of [thanksgiving](#) and freedom:
C: Let us join our voices in singing our praise!
L: The God of abundance, Creator, + Redeemer, and Spirit,
bless you and keep you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live with gratitude. **C: Thanks be to God**

Annual Meeting, Part 1

See Agenda below

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We Thank

Ushers; Communion Servers
Reader: Scott Thompson

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Recording, Sound, Screens

Nordland's Week

Today 9:15 /10:30 Education & Fellowship / Communion Worship & NLC Annual Meeting Part 1
Wed. 10:00 am Service at Care Center
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service, pie following (Pie donation sign up sheet in the entryway)
Sun. 9:15 /10:30 Fellowship (NO Education) / Communion Worship

Today is our Nordland Lutheran Church Women (NLCW) Thank offering service; a special offering will be taken to proclaim the good news in our community, and church wide organizations. Offering baskets are at the back of church.



Nordland Lutheran Church
155 Annual Meeting – Part 1
November 19, 2023

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order / Opening Prayer
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. New Business
 - Nominations & Ballot for 2024
 - Review of 2024 Proposed Budget
 - Financial Stewardship Task Force
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. Ballot Results

Meeting will continue at Annual Meeting Part 2: January 28, 2024