

Day of Thanksgiving Sunday, October 7th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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OPENING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast of Victory* (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Joel 2:21-27

A reading from Joel.

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper,

the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-34 (Dramatic reading)

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

HYMN: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (VOW ‘Blue Book’ 783)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* (ELW 681)

AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH JOURNEY: (see insert)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Let All Things Now Living (ELW 881)

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)

Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW 689)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 840)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preparations for the March 2019 World Day of Prayer services are soon underway. If you would like to participate, or for more information contact Rosalie (613-736-0232) or Lise (613-723-0465) or pastoral@sympatico.ca or gauvin131@gmail.com.

LECTIONARY STUDY: No meeting on Thanksgiving Monday, Oct 8.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, October 10, 5 pm at FLC.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wed, Oct 10, 9 a.m., at Chances R Restaurant.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, October 17, 7 pm at FLC.