

Welcoming, Inclusive,  
Joyful, Serving the  
Community



A "COME AS YOU ARE" CHURCH

# Thanksgiving Lutheran

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## Weekly Announcements

**Open Heart and Mind** to the Spirit in this time of worship. May our mission be a place of welcome, inclusivity, and joy bring blessing to all who are here. You are welcome

### Two Words from Luther

In all matters we should hope and pray for the best; nevertheless, we should fear, and be prepared for, the worst. (*What Luther Says, Vol. II, p. 782*)

Means are not to be neglected, but we are to employ those means which it is possible for us to use; for God certainly did not give us our reason and the advice and aid which it supplies in order to have us contemptuously disregard them. (*What Luther Says, Vol. II, p. 783*)

## Today's Stewards

*Assisting*  
*Communion Bread*  
*Greeter*  
*Reader*  
*Refreshments*

Jon Riewe  
Jon Riewe  
Lisa Bartlett  
Gloria Feiertag  
Jon Riewe

*Dog Treats*  
*Ushers*  
*Tellers*  
*Trash Cans*

Sue Lundsford  
Sandy Koppen and  
Gloria Feiertag  
Randy Easterling

## Today at Thanksgiving

**Jesus' teachings** at the end of the Gospel According to Matthew speak about the end time. These days, whenever anyone declares the end of the world, a few believe them, a few.

In her commentary on today's Gospel reading, Susan Hulen, Associate Professor of New Testament at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, writes, "It is difficult for many of today's disciples to be

anything like the bridesmaids, wise or foolish, because we have stopped waiting. We give little thought to Christ's return, let alone what we should do to prepare for it. If we were to contemplate ourselves in relation to the end time, it might be easier to imagine ourselves as the slaves who work diligently while the master is away than as the bridesmaids whose primary job is to

await the groom's return. This is not necessarily something for which modern Christians should be chastised -- after the passage of two millennia, we have grown accustomed to the master's absence. It's a long time to wait expectantly."

Today, we explore the challenges of living in the now and the yet to come, living on promises.

## Calendar

11/14	1p	Bible Study
11/15	7:30p	Leadership Panel
11/18	2p	Bunco
11/19	after worship	Congregational Meeting

If there is to be any peace it will come through being, not having.

~Henry Miller

# Things to Join In On

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*All are welcome any time*

**Our weekly Bible study** is open to anyone and any level of biblical knowledge. The group reads and discusses the scripture readings that will be the focus of the following Sunday's worship gathering. Sometimes the lively conversation even stays on the Bible! Meets at 1 p.m.

**Feed T. Elsie, our cow.** We will be accumulating spare change in our goal by the end of the year to reach \$500 to sponsor the purchase of a cow from the 2018 ELCA Good Gifts ministry. Last week she was fed \$9.00. Our total now is \$100.00!

**Sign-up Sheets** for November and December worship steward tasks are in the narthex. Anyone may sign up. There are job descriptions available for any first-timers; ask Pastor.

**Fill the Barrel and the Bucket** Whenever you are shopping, pick up a non-perishable food item or two for our ministry supporting F.I.S.H. and/or a package of dog or cat food for the blue bucket to support the "Homeless With Pets".

**Offerings and attendance from 11/5:** \$1,078 General Fund; \$45 Capital Fund; \$33 T. Elsie Fund.

25 humans and 6 dogs.



Altar Flowers today have been provided by Jon Riewe

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## Congregational Meeting Next Sunday—Please Attend

Next year is a milestone for TLC, indeed the beginning of a new chapter in our life as Christ's body in this place. At this meeting, you will be voting on a three-month budget, for the slate of some new members of the Leadership Panel, and on a motion by the Panel regarding the future of the congregation. The Leadership Panel has been working hard exploring options. Please attend this meeting and support them and take a part in the future of your faith community.

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## Looking Ahead—November 19

Meditation Verse: Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)

### Stewards next Sunday:

<i>Assisting</i>	Karen Lehman
<i>Communion Bread</i>	Gloria Feiertag
<i>Greeter</i>	Jon Riewe
<i>Reader</i>	Jon Riewe
<i>Flowers</i>	Lynn Cornelssen
<i>Refreshments</i>	
<i>Dog Treats</i>	Cindy Heiller
<i>Ushers</i>	Lynn Cornelssen and Kathy Estes
<i>Tellers</i>	Lisa Bartlett and Lynn Cornelssen
<i>Trash Cans</i>	Jon Riewe

### 24th Sunday After

#### Pentecost

*You Are Sufficient for the Day*

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

**Psalm 90:1-8,12**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**Music Leader: Leilani Wicklund**