



Sunday, November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Ruth Foley | Music Director

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time of Silent Preparation

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Lois Thurnherr

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God that made us and gave us life.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord and bless God's name.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of our gracious God,

People: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*HYMN *We Gather Together* Gray, #376

(Children will bring food donations forward during the hymn)

INVOCATION and BLESSING of FOOD DONATIONS

(Children will go to help prepare for Turkey Soup sharing)

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson
Sung by *The Ladies Chorus*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O God, we know we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you.

All: Forgive us.

(a moment of silence for private confession)

Leader: Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, and strong hands to serve you.

All: Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Gray, #382, vs. 1,2,4

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

²⁰ “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 95:1-7a

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-45

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to

drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

SERMON "Good Goats"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation* Gray, #379, vs. 1,3

The box of pledges and gifts for 2024 will brough forward

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources.*

***DOXOLOGY**



***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be you shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

***POSTLUDE**

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. For Chuck Barrett, Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Mary Beth Dauer, Stephen Dearth, Shay Devinney, Judy Delia, Barb Fink, Louise Forney, Pat Granville, Jim Henry, Marcia Herren, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft,

Carol Mueller, Zenia and Zach Munger Family, Phyllis Potter, Claudia Renzi, Chuck and Sheila Recktenwalt, Loretta Rishel, Tom and Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills and Joyce Whittemore.

For Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Joe Solak, Mark Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is Turkey Soup Sunday! Everyone is invited to stay after church and enjoy some homemade turkey soup together in the fellowship hall.
- Today is the last day for our food collection for Bread of Life. Items will be delivered this week. Thank you to all who have contributed to this mission. God Bless you all!
- The next board meeting is November 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.
- On Saturday, November 25 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. there will be an Open House celebrating FRED SHEAR'S 100TH Birthday here in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!
- On Sunday, December 3 the Sunday school children will present a Christmas skit during worship. There will be a Coffee hour following the service.
- On Sunday, December 10 the Women's Support group will present their Advent program during Worship.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$ 2,456.00
Offering collection for **November 12, 2023:** \$ 5,734.48
Current: \$ 2,604.48 Benevolent: \$ 130.00
Roof Fund: \$ 3,000.00 Memorials: \$ 70.00
Attendance on Sunday, November 12: 55