

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

**FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (SWO)
FALL GATHERING
NOVEMBER 8 - 10, 2024**

WELCA BOARD

SWO Board Assignments

Last	First	Conference	Church	Board Duties & Mission Area
Beumer	Denise	Heart of Florida	St. John	Vice President
Carter	Stacia	Heart of Florida	St. Stephen	Reconciliation
Goding	Leone	Heart of Florida	Gloria Dei	Lutheran World Relief
Haley	Sallie	Pinelands	St. Timothy	Global Missions
Jageler	Nina	Heart of Florida	St. Stephen	Conference Coordinator and Fall Gathering Workshop Coordinator
Moffat	Tracy	Caloosa	Christ Cape Coral	Treasurer
Nelson	Laurie	Mid-Gulf	Holy Trinity	Secretary
Person	Donna	Broward-Bahamas	Christ Ft. Lauderdale	Scholarships, Fall Gathering Co-Chair
Purcell	Raeann	Flagler-Volusia	Emmaus	Facebook
Storan	Anne	Pinelands	Good Shepherd	President

SWO Board Advisory Members

Backiel	Gayle	Mid-Gulf	Living Waters	Fall Gathering Co-Chair
Cummings	Diane	Heart of Florida	St. Stephen	Registrar
Greilick	Linda	Suncoast	Prince of Peace	Tapestry Editor
Spicer	Diane	Space Coast	St. Andrew	Love Offering Coordinator

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

3:00pm	Voting Member Orientation Registration
4:00pm-4:30pm	Welcome - Announcements - Opening Devotions
4:30pm-5:30pm	Business Session #1
5:30pm-6:30pm	Dinner / Workshop Leaders' Dinner and Training
6:30pm	YOUTH Meet and Greet with Tabitha
6:30pm-7:00p	Business Session #2
7:00pm-7:50pm	Taize Service
8:00pm	Conference Meetings
9:30pm -10:30pm	<i>Methodist Youth Event Opening Worship</i>

SATURDAY

7:15am-7:30am	Morning Devotions
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am-8:45am	Workshop Leaders' Intro, Youth Intro, Guest Greetings
8:45am-9:15am	Global Missions - Marcee Wilkes; Katie's Fund - Jody Smiley; Scholarship Recipients' Videos; Triennial
9:30am-10:30am	Workshop #1
9:30am -10:30am	<i>Methodist Youth Event Morning Worship</i>
10:45am-11:30am	School of Lay Ministry - Michele Hilton; Bible Study - Pastor Lois Nehmer Schiff
11:30am-11:45am	Tribute to our Veterans
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-1:45pm	Business Session #3
1:45pm-2:45pm	Greetings from Synod Office - Pastor Rob Rose, Churchwide Report; GraceWay Village (Love Offering)
3:00pm-4:00pm	Workshop #2
4:15pm-5:00pm	Business Session #4
5:00pm	Communion set-up
5:30pm-6:30pm	Dinner
6:30pm-7:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
7:45pm	Hymn Sing - Gold Room & Smores at the Campfire
8:00pm - 9:00pm	<i>Methodist Youth Event Evening Worship</i>

SUNDAY

7:10am-7:25am	Morning Devotions
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am-10:30am	<i>Methodist Youth Event Communion Service</i>
9:15am-10:15am	Workshop #3
10:30am-10:45am	Announcements; Reports on Love and Worship Offerings
10:50am-12:00pm	Closing Worship with Installation
12:00pm	Lunch

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SWO Board Members	Inside Front Cover
Schedule	1
Welcome	3
CWO President's Greetings	4
Warren Willis Map	5
Conference Information & Room Assignments	6
Conference Map	7
Workshop Leaders	8
Workshop Rooms and Sessions	9
Special Fellowship Opportunities, Special Thanks & Save the Date	10
Special Guests' Biographies	11
Bible Study.....	13
SWO Officers' Reports	14
Treasurer's Report & Budget.....	16
Board Members' Reports	18
Friday Opening Worship.....	21
Saturday Communion Worship.....	23
Saturday Hymn Sing	36
Sunday Closing Worship	44
Before You Go Home	Inside Back Cover
Credentials Report.	Back Cover

WELCOME TO THE FALL GATHERING

Dear Siblings in Christ,

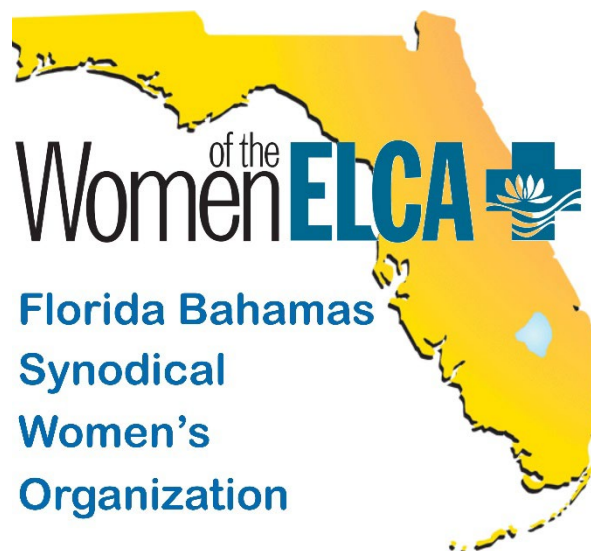
Thank you for joining us at our Florida-Bahamas 2024 SWO Fall Gathering. We are so happy you have joined us at this retreat. Our Bible verse focus this weekend is 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land." Here we may learn to be humble and seek God through repentance and prayer. God will truly forgive and heal us when we put the whole world in his loving hands.

The Planning Committee and the SWO Board have planned this weekend so you will have the opportunity to learn about yourself, your relationship with God, make new friends, and become refreshed. We are excited for you to discover the beauty of the Warren Willis Conference Center by exploring the grounds. You can walk the prayer labyrinth, take part in worship, Bible study, devotions, workshops, and fellowship.

We pray that the activities this weekend have rekindled your spirit and helped you focus on what is truly important in your life and bring you closer to God.

Blessings!

Gayle Backiel and Donna Person
Fall Gathering Co-Chairs



GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCHWIDE PRESIDENT



Blessings to each of you, my siblings in Christ!

I bring you greetings from your churchwide executive board, representing all of you as we continue to breathe new life into the bones of our beloved Women of the ELCA. You are part of this revitalization, and I give thanks for each of you, and for your congregational units, your conferences and clusters, and your synodical women's organizations. As you convene in your annual or biennial synodical women's conventions, know that you are being lifted up in prayer by the leadership of your executive board.

Your conventions involve more than transacting necessary business. They are also opportunities to be inspired by the messages of clergy and gifted speakers and to be challenged by issues facing our neighbors and our communities, including immigration, human trafficking, and racism. You also celebrate accomplishments, make new friends, and reconnect with old. You eat together, pray together, laugh together, grow in faith together. And you leave re-energized to continue our mission and ministry. You are bold Women of the ELCA!

Thank you for being the face of Christ as we learn to dismantle actions that exclude our siblings from feeling welcomed, included, and heard. Each of you are ambassadors of God's Just Love.

Together, we are the women's ministry arm of our ELCA. God has called us into this work. I pray you will feel the call, and the power of the Holy Spirit, as you gather together. I walk with you on this journey.

With Just Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Myrna Wells-Ulland".

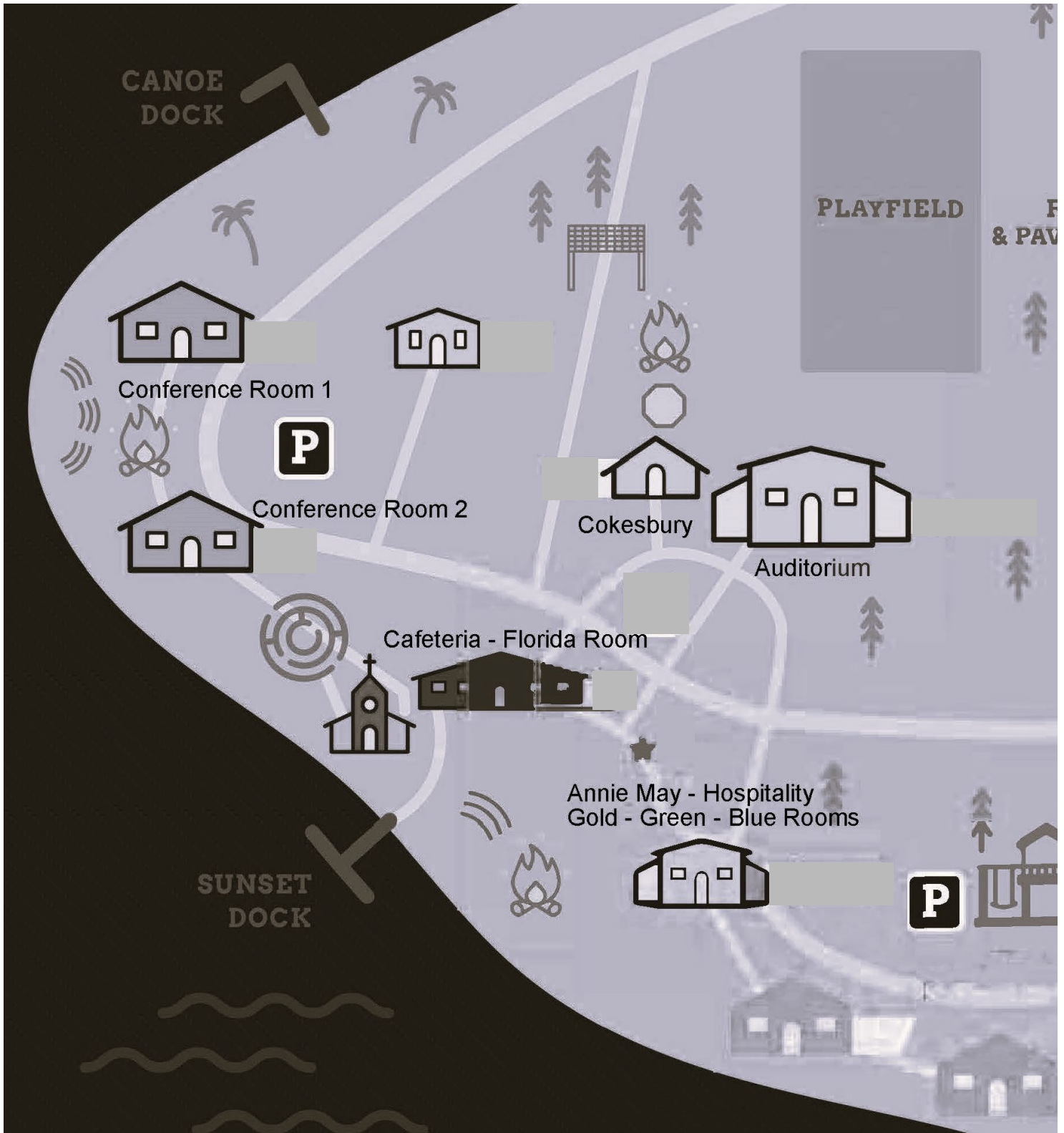
Myrna Wells-Ulland
President, 2023-2026 Triennium
Women of the ELCA

8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, Illinois 60631-4101

800-638-3522, ext. 2730
773-380-2730

womenoftheelca.org

**Bill Hull will be your golf cart driver this weekend.
Please contact him at 407-796-2115 for help getting around the camp.**



CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS

CONFERENCE	FALL GATHERING ASSIGNMENT	CONFERENCE LEADER	BOARD CONTACT PERSON	ROOM
Miami-Dade/Monroe	With Broward-Bahamas			
Broward-Bahamas	Communion	Denise Coller	Donna Person	Conference Room Bldg 1
Caloosa & Panhandle	In-Kind Gifts	Melissa Kennedy	Diane Spicer	Blue
First Coast	Sunday Morning Devotions	Rachel Mumford	Laurie Nelson	Green
Flagler-Volusia	Credentials	Judy Driesbaugh	Denise Beumer	Annie May
Gulf Coast	Saturday Morning Devotions	Mary Macaulay	Laurie Nelson	Gold 2
Heart of Florida & Lake	Prayer Lounge	Marilyn Kreitzinger	Sallie Haley	Gold 1
Mid-Gulf	Elections	Gayle Backiel	Denise Beumer	Auditorium 3
Pinelands	Ushers	Irene Brissel	Leone Goding	Cokesbury
Spacecoast & Tradewinds	Registration	Gisela Kahil	Tracy Moffatt	Auditorium 4
Suncoast & Tampa	Hospitality	Linda Greilick	Stacia Carter	Florida
Youth	Tabitha Richter		Tracy Moffatt	Conference Room Bldg 2
Audio Visual	Kris Dines		Anne Storan	

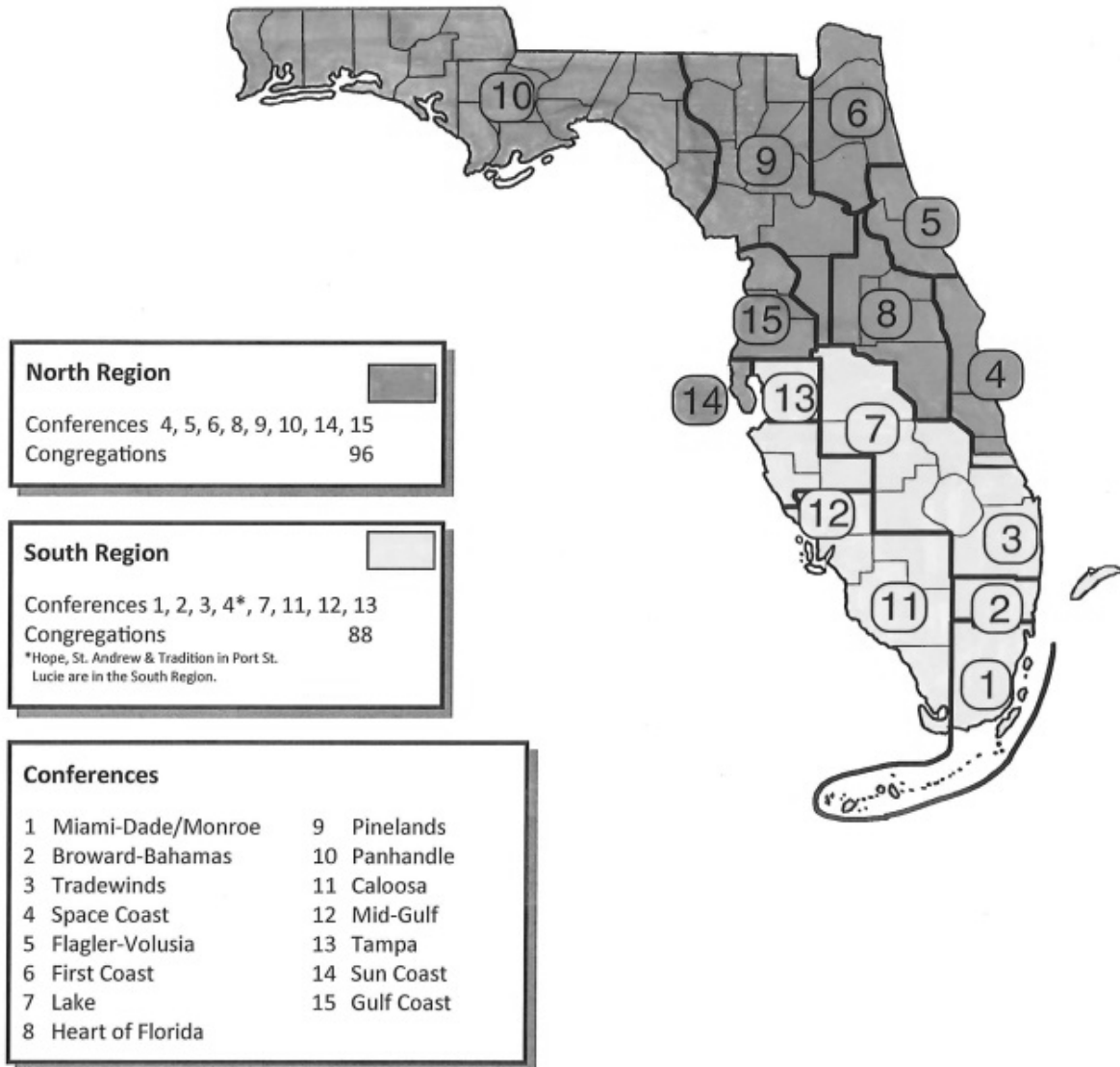
*Please note: Any expense incurred is the responsibility of your Conference.
Room assignments may change - announcements will be made if that happens.*

Thank you to the Conference leaders and participants for your contributions to the Fall Gathering.

Visit the Prayer Lounge in the Cokesbury Building where you can get connected with a Prayer Partner!



Florida-Bahamas Synod Regions & Conferences



Thank you for traveling from your home to the Fall Gathering this weekend.

We are happy to see you!

We are ready to assist you!

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Thank You for sharing your gifts!

Anne Storan

Pastor Joanie Holden

Deb Beck

Lisa Klima

Denise Beumer

Tracy Moffatt

Steve Beumer

Laurie Nelson

Diane Brown

Kelley Penrod

Stacia Carter

Pastor Trixie Richter

Denise Coller

Lynn Steger

Kathy Drach

Piper Spencer

Linda Greilick

Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer

Chrissie Hoeffner

*Thank
You*

WORKSHOP ROOMS AND SESSIONS

#	Workshop Name	Session	Room #
1	President / Vice-President	1	Conference Room Bldg. 1
2	Secretary / Treasurer	2	Conference Room Bldg. 1
3	Choir	1	Green
4	Leave it in the Lord's Hands	1	Cokesbury
5	Gun Violence	3	Green
6	Taxes and the "Widow's Penalty"	1	Blue
7	Savvy Tax Strategies	2	Blue
8	Generosity and Grandchildren	3	Blue
9	Where Have All Our Young Folks Gone	1	Florida
10	Ukulele Worship	2	Green
11	Laughter Yoga	3	Florida
12	Prayer Labyrinth	1	Conference Room Bldg. 2
13	Praise Report Journals	3	Gold 2
14	Advent Wreaths	1	Gold 2
15	Paint Pouring	1	Gold 1
16	Cooking For Self	2	Gold 2
17	Share the Love - Noteworthy	3	Gold 1
18	Called to a Global Perspective: Passport to Your Heart Love	Cancelled	
19	Women's Jail Ministry	2	Auditorium 3
20	He's Got the Little Bitty Babies in His Hands	2	Florida
21	Unlock All the Treasures of Churchwide WELCA	3	Conference Room Bldg. 1
22	My Faith, My Vote	2	Auditorium 4
23	GraceWay Poverty Simulation	2	Cokesbury

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Prayer Lounge & Prayer Partners - Cokesbury Building

Fellowship and Snacks - Annie May Room (in front of Gold Room)

Display Boards & Quilting - Auditorium

Workshop Leaders' Dinner:

Workshop leaders will meet for dinner, training, and fellowship Friday at 5:30 pm in the dining room. If you are leading a workshop, please plan to join your counterparts for a scrumptious meal and important information about the weekend.



SPECIAL THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Tote Bags provided by:



*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®
Let's thrive.®*

For the folders, pads, and pens.



All of you who contributed to Share the Spirit and Let Your Light Shine so our sisters and youth could join us this weekend.



SAVE THE DATE!!
SWO Fall Gathering
Tentative Dates: November 7-9, 2025
Stay tuned for more information!

SPECIAL GUESTS

Chaplain and Worship Leader, Pastor Anne Harman

Pastor Anne is a native of Florida, growing up in St. Petersburg. In her first vocation, she served as a pastoral musician in the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg for 33 years. In addition to her music training, Anne has a degree in Christian Spirituality and Certification in Spiritual Direction from Creighton University. She received her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, in 2021 and was ordained on October 31, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran in Clearwater, where she serves as pastor in her first call.

Bible Study Leader, Pastor Lois Nehmer Schiff

Lois Nehmer Schiff was born and raised in Milwaukee and Mukwonago, Wisconsin. She has six grown children, six grown grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, receiving a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance. Later in life, she went on to attend Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (now part of United Theological Seminary), receiving a Master of Divinity degree. She served as pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland, until it became part of a consolidation with two other congregations. After retirement, she moved to West Palm Beach and presently lives with her oldest son and daughter-in-law in Longwood along with two dogs, two cats, and two African grey parrots. She is a member of St. John in Winter Park.

Intern Pastor Beatrice D'Angelo

A seminarian at Emmanuel Academies, Global Lutheran Seminary, in Naples, Florida, is in the final stages of completing her Master of Divinity affiliated with Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary. As an Endorsed candidate for ordination with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, Intern Pastor Beatrice actively serves on the Synod's Just Love team, an initiative focused on sharing the Gospel with marginalized communities. With four years of experience as a Resident Pastor and Intern at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, she leads worship services, delivers powerful sermons, brings forth a clear Confession and Absolution, and creates personalized prayers that resonate with her congregation. She also received the Synodical Women's Organization Fund for Leaders scholarship for 2024-2025 and was the Guest Preacher at the Caloosa Conference WELCA Spring Gathering in 2024.

In addition to her pastoral duties, Intern Pastor Beatrice excels in her Executive duties as the Operations Coordinator for Emmanuel Academies, managing recruitment, student relations, and communications. Holding dual degrees in bilingual education and journalism from Creighton University, she brings a wealth of experience from her multicultural background, having been raised in Puerto Rico and being of Cuban and British descent. Fully bilingual in English and Spanish, Beatrice is a vibrant presence at Emmanuel Church, the Synod and Seminary, where her passion for ministry shines in person and through the church's Livestream services.

Youth Shepherd, Tabitha Richter

This is Tabitha's third year being the Youth Shepherd. She enjoys leading the youth and has been a camp counselor at Luther Springs for several years. She has been attending the Fall Gathering since the sixth grade. Tabitha loves to do craft projects. She is very proud of her mother, Pastor Trixie Richter.

Music Leader, Lynn Steger

*Presently lives part-time in Buffalo, New York and North Port, Florida

*Married 44 yrs. to William, have 3 adult children, and 4 grandchildren.

*Master's Degree in Music Education from SUNY at Fredonia,
undergraduate was from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio

*Experience: Member of the Wittenberg Choir performing in Europe 1975

*Career Occupation: Public school music teacher for 34 yrs.
Organist and Choir Director for First Lutheran for 8 yrs, Director of La Casa Voices for 6 yrs.,
Current member of Living Waters Choir

*Instruments: Vocal, Piano, Organ

*Interests and Hobbies: Theatre, arts and crafts, gardening, camping, and travel

Assistant to the Bishop for Administration, Pastor Rob Rose

Pastor Rob grew up in Orlando attending St. Mark's Lutheran in Winter Park. He graduated from the University of South Florida with his bachelor's degree and then moved to St. Louis. While in St. Louis he became a youth and family minister at Trinity Lutheran and met a beautiful St. Louis girl named Karen who became his wife. Karen and Rob have been married for 27 years. They have two adult boys that live with them, Benjamin and Zachary, both have autism and keep the house full of activity and motion.

Rob earned his Master's from Asbury Theological Seminary and has served both Lutheran and Methodist churches. Currently he is finishing his Doctorate of Business Administration at Indiana Wesleyan University. Pastor Rob is the Assistant to the Bishop for Administration and gets to marry his love of being a pastor with his business acumen as he helps our congregations around the synod. For fun, Rob loves to travel with his wife, read, and experience new and different cultures. He also has two amazing dogs who beg for treats way too much.

Churchwide Board Representative, Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer,

Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer was elected to the Executive Board of the Women of the ELCA for her first term in August 2021. Jennifer now serves as Treasurer on the Churchwide Executive Board and as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Previously, Jennifer served many years on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synodical Board (8B) as a board member, vice president, and president. Jennifer is the editor of the synod's newsletter, *Friends Inc.*, and she assists with tech support for the Board.

Jennifer is originally from Racine, Wisconsin, and grew up in Fremont, Ohio. She attended Carthage College, an ELCA College, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and attended graduate school in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Jennifer works as a training supervisor for a non-profit case management organization. Jennifer lives in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Bill, who is an ELCA Pastor. Jennifer and Bill have two children, Noah and Angeline. Jennifer is a member at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Latrobe. Jennifer is a member of the bell choir, is an usher, and a lector. Jennifer attends women's Bible studies at area churches and has led women's Bible studies at Prince of Peace Church too. Jennifer also serves as a Lay Supply Preacher for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod.

SWO OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Anne Storan

Florida-Bahamas Women of the Evangelical Church in America has continued to respond to challenges faced by women in these turbulent times. Always guided by our Mission and Purpose, we continuously nurture authentic relationships in our community. Following our time of pandemic isolation, we have a new appreciation for the speed and convenience of using digital communication. Yet we are even more committed to the need for in-person gatherings. This spring we were able to hold Spring Gatherings throughout the Synod. Church Units were able to share stories of successful new projects, share concerns about affordable housing and food insecurity, have programs to learn about the services in their communities, and elect officers. They shared leaders' contact information with each other and with the SWO.

The staff members and Board Members of the Churchwide Expression of WELCA implemented new programs and services to enhance the support they provide to Synods, Church Units, and Members of WELCA. The Zoom meeting of Synodical Presidents contained information and discussion time to strengthen our leadership skills share our concerns and our vision for the future. Universally, the greatest need is for increased communication and participation. Churchwide has many diverse tools on several platforms to support our activities and strengthen communication. It is up to us to initiate communication. Begin at womenoftheelca.org. Scroll through the menu and explore the **Resources**, sign up for **Daily Grace**, and use the **Publications**.

The most important change at Churchwide in 2024 has been the retirement of Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director, at the end of June. Interim Director, Jennifer Hockenbery, PhD. will shepherd WELCA through a time of transition and oversee the day-to-day leadership of the organization. Take advantage of opportunities to meet with Jennifer online when opportunities are announced in Bold Café or Bold Connection. If it seems I have given a lot of attention to online and virtual information, it's because the connections and resources you find will make you a better leader and more effective at building authentic relationships in your community.

The Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly was held in Orlando in May. Our Treasurer, Tracy Moffatt, was elected treasurer of the Synod Council. Congratulations to Tracy.

The most important lesson I have learned in the three years I have served as your president is the importance of communication. Having updated contact information, phone and email, is essential to the exchange of information. Thank you to all the Conference leaders who sent updated Event Data Collection Forms with Conference Leaders' contact information to our conference coordinator, Nina Jageler. Thank you also to Church Unit Leaders who submitted Congregational Unit Update Forms. We want to strengthen our community of women by sharing information throughout the three expressions of Women of the ELCA. Go to our synodical WELCA website, flwelca.com. Request that our bi-monthly newsletter, Tapestry, be emailed to you. If you're a Facebook user, follow Florida-Bahamas Women of the ELCA.

My heart is so full of gratitude for all of the memorable people and moments of these three years as your WELCA SWO President. I am thankful to Vice President Denise Beumer for filling every responsibility with grace and love. Donna Person and Laurie Nelson have been wonderful secretaries whose detailed minutes have made up for my lack of memory. Tracy Moffatt has been so much more than a great treasurer. Her experience and deep understanding of history and policies has coached me and encouraged me and supported me. All of the SWO Board members and advisory board members have worked hard to be faithful servant leaders for all of you.

I am grateful for every woman who has come to a circle meeting to learn how to use her gifts to lead a Bible study, or tie the knots on a quilt, or stepped up to lead a conference, or suggested a fund raising event to send a youth to

the Youth Gathering, or any other action to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. You are the reason WELCA endures.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Storan

Vice President: Denise Beumer

Sisters In Christ:

As women of faith, you realize the importance of serving others. If you recall during [the last supper](#), Jesus got up from the table, wrapped Himself with a towel, and washed the disciples dusty, dirty feet. Then he told his disciples that they must follow his lead and serve each other. He promised that those who served others would be blessed. Another time, Jesus told his disciples that even he, the very Son of God, did not come to be served but to serve others. Jesus was a leader but also a servant. A servant leader sees people as valuable to God and worth giving of their time. (John 13:13-15) Now that I, your Lord, and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45) Remember the words of Peter, as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (I Peter 4:10).

As your Vice President one of my responsibilities is to chair the Nomination Committee. I am asking you to be a servant leader by becoming part of the SWO Board. Have you attended a Fall Gathering and wondered what goes on behind the scenes? Or do you sometimes wonder what duties each Board Member is responsible for? Are you a little curious about the smiles on Board Members faces? Become a Board Member and become part of the planning.

Women of faith, I ask you to honor and utilize your God given gifts by submitting your Nomination Form to be an election candidate for one of the open Board positions. This year at the Fall Gathering we will be voting to fill the positions of Secretary, and three (3) Board Members. We also will be voting to elect a new President by ecclesiastical ballot. Prayerfully consider joining other servant leaders as members of the SWO Board. If you have any questions, please contact me at 407-782-7662 dbeumer1000@gmail.com. It is an honor to serve as your Vice President.

Blessings,
Denise Beumer

Secretary: Laurie Nelson

Welcome to our Florida-Bahamas Fall Gathering. It's my honor to serve as your secretary. I'm so very blessed to have Donna Person as my mentor, after her many years of experience in this position. It was an honor to serve as a voting member at the Churchwide women of the ELCA Triennial last year. Thank you for that opportunity. It was truly an uplifting and spiritual event for me. It is my prayer that we all move forward, guided by the Holy Spirit, to engage in necessary action to fulfill our mission as Sisters in Christ.

Treasurer: Tracy Moffatt

The Florida Bahamas SWO continues to be in a stable financial position. Account balances shown do not reflect the final payment to Warren Willis for our Fall Gathering or distribution of any Pass Thru Account Funds which occur the end of October and again in January. Our Fund for Leaders Scholarship has experienced huge growth this year as a result of the positive markets throughout the year. For the 2024-2025 we will be able to distribute \$3300.00 in Scholarship Funds.

Our Budget for next year reflects additional expenses for our website as our former webmaster used personal accounts to maintain much of it. Investment gains in our Fund for Leaders Scholarship have been planned much lower than actuals this year as the markets adjust changes in our government.

A huge thank you to all for your continued support of the work of the Florida Bahamas SWO. Your offerings not only support our work here in Florida, but also the work of the Women of the ELCA nationally.

**As a reminder:
Offering and donation checks should be made payable to: Florida Bahamas SWO
and sent to: Tracy Moffatt, 1944 Crestview Way, Naples, FL 34119**

Florida Bahamas SWO Budget - 2024			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL AS OF	BUDGET
	2.1.23 - 1.13.24	9.30.24	2.1.24 - 1.31.25
INCOME			
Offerings	\$9,000.00	\$3,236.95	\$8,000.00
Fall Gathering	\$35,000.00	\$19,015.01	\$30,000.00
Spring Gathering	\$4,000.00	\$3,541.00	\$3,600.00
Other Income (FFL Change in market Value)	\$2,000.00	\$7,394.57	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$50,000.00	\$33,187.53	\$43,600.00
PASS THRU ACCOUNTS			
Florida Bahamas Synod	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
FFL Scholarship Donations	\$500.00	\$1,010.00	\$1,000.00
Katie's Fund	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$200.00
Love Offering	\$5,000.00	\$6,296.31	\$5,000.00
LWR Shipping Fund	\$350.00	\$320.70	\$350.00
Misc. Pass Thru Funds	\$1,000.00	\$180.00	\$100.00
Total Pass Thru Income	\$7,100.00	\$7,977.01	\$6,750.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Let Your Light Shine Scholarship	\$500.00	\$128.94	\$300.00
Share the Spirit Scholarship	\$700.00	\$524.73	\$700.00
Triennial Convention	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Total Designated Fund Income	\$2,000.00	\$653.67	\$1,800.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$59,100.00	\$41,818.21	\$52,150.00

	BUDGET	ACTUAL AS OF	BUDGET
	2.1.23 - 1.13.24	9.30.24	2.1.24 - 1.31.25
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Accounting /Audit	\$100.00	\$225.00	\$250.00
Bank Service Charges	\$100.00	\$164.94	\$100.00
Computer / Software	\$300.00	\$627.00	\$800.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$500.00	\$172.07	\$300.00
Office Supplies / Postage	\$100.00	\$50.21	\$100.00
OTHER EXPENSES			
Board Meeting Expense	\$6,000.00	\$625.48	\$6,000.00
Contributions (FFL Distributions)	\$4,000.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00
Fall Gathering Expense	\$30,000.00	\$12,799.00	\$25,000.00
Spring Gathering Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Travel and Meetings	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
Women of the ELCA	\$6,600.00	\$2,743.44	\$7,000.00
Miscellaneous Administrative Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$49,200.00	\$19,107.14	\$43,100.00
PASS THRU ACCOUNTS			
Florida Bahamas Synod	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
FFL Scholarship Donations	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Katie's Fund	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$200.00
Love Offering	\$5,000.00	\$973.00	\$5,000.00
LWR Shipping Fund	\$350.00	\$320.70	\$350.00
Misc. Pass Thru Funds	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
Total Pass Thru Expenses	\$6,100.00	\$2,463.70	\$6,750.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Let Your Light Shine Scholarship	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Share the Spirit Scholarship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Triennial Gathering	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Total Designated Fund Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$57,300.00	\$21,570.84	\$51,650.00
NET INCOME	\$1,800.00	\$14,637.70	\$500.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES:		LY Balance
Checking Account - Regions	\$38,026.59	\$21,688.94
ELCA FFL Endowment	\$87,924.07	\$77,750.62
ELCA FFL Distribution	\$2,255.71	\$1,702.37
Petty Cash	\$74.01	\$156.51
PASS THRU ACCOUNTS		YTD Gifts
Florida Bahamas Synod	\$0.00	\$0.00
FFL Scholarship Donations	\$1,010.00	\$1,010.00
Katie's Fund	\$0.00	\$170.00
Love Offering	\$5,110.00	\$6,296.31
LWR Shipping Fund	\$0.00	\$320.70
Misc. Pass Thru Funds	\$0.00	\$180.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS		
Let Your Light Shine Scholarship	\$248.23	\$128.94
Share the Spirit Scholarship	\$1,302.22	\$524.73
Triennial Convention*	\$2,082.22	\$0.00

BOARD REPORTS

GLOBAL MISSION: Sallie Haley

A Global Mission Project is a wonderful way of sharing our love for our brothers and sisters. With this world in chaos, our ELCA has paired each of the 65 synods with at least one companion synod for a relationship. The Florida-Bahamas Synod has five companion synods. All are in the Caribbean: Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, and Suriname. Our synod not only prays for the group, but keeps in regular contact, learning about what is going on in their ministries, helping with financial support, and getting supplies that may be scarce for their many projects. Folks may be sent to help with building, doing administrative work, and whatever needs to be done. A young lady, who is part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program and is from Florida, spent a year in Mexico working at a migrant and refugee center. What a way to show God's love! Way to go Mary! Our own Bishop Suarez and Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Ham traveled to Suriname to take part in an ordination in the Evangelische Lutherse Kerk Suriname (ELKS). Wow, imagine having someone from out of your country caring enough to come to your ordination.

Global Mission is on the scene working with all of the programs and projects of our Florida-Bahamas Synod. It is beyond imagination. Global Mission goes throughout the world supporting the spreading of the Good News and showing our Christian Love to ALL people.

I could go on for days telling you how important this program is to the people who are not only politically but economically in dire straits. Our media can only tell us so much. Global Mission stays on top of what is going on in our own backyard.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, ADVOCACY, AND RECONCILIATION: Stacia Carter

My responsibilities include monitoring and reporting on issues that affect women such as human trafficking, equal rights, gender equality, racial awareness, healthcare, voting rights, and any other issues that pop up. As the WELCA Board Rep, I attend trainings and workshops to gain a better insight into these issues and work with other organizations to bring awareness. I also write a quarterly article in the *SWO Tapestry* newsletter.

TAPESTRY EDITOR: Linda Greilick

Here we are – at the Warren Willis Camp – focusing on our Lord and how He has all of us in His hands. Yes, He's got everybody here in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands. Hopefully, we all leave this beloved weekend appreciating the wonder and the diversity of God's world and all His people. As Women of the ELCA, we have many different ways to share that message.

One of those is our *Tapestry* newsletter published bi-monthly and distributed free of charge. My responsibility as Editor of the *Tapestry* and the mission of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization Board is to provide you with details on activities and happenings at all levels - in our circles, conferences, synod, at churchwide, and even in our world. As we face many diverse topics and experiences, discussion and resources are shared in the newsletter for your consideration.

Our Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization newsletter, *Tapestry*, is an on-line publication available at www.flwelca.com in alternating months six times a year. To receive the publication via a mass distribution email, provide your email address to flwelca@gmail.com. You are encouraged to share your message about how God is working in your world, your congregational unit or conference. If you have questions or wish to submit an article, you may reach me at lindaq65@verizon.net. Thanks for your support and for the opportunity to serve as your *Tapestry* Editor.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Leone Goding

The truck schedules have been set up for February 2025. There are new faces for us at Trinity Lutheran in Jacksonville and Emmanuel Lutheran in Venice. Joining us this year is Karen Brown in Jacksonville and Kathy Wittersheim in Venice. The drop offs will be the week of February 3 with the trucks coming the week of February 10. We cannot forget the faithful servants of Donna Person in Ft. Lauderdale, Chris Morse in Clermont, Pat Zwick in Tampa and Shirley Bow in Fort Walton Beach. Each of these ladies with their Churches have continued to serve willingly year after year. We hope each of you will take the time to prepare your boxes properly and not have them weigh over 35 pounds per box. Thank all of you for what you do for Lutheran World Relief, the need is so great. You can contact Leone by calling 352-223-1925 or by e-mail at leonegoding@centurylink.net.

LOVE OFFERING: Diane Spicer

GraceWay Village in Fort Pierce was chosen as the Love Offering for the next two years beginning in February 2024. It began in 2009 as a program to provide clothing for children (infancy to 18 years) from low-income families. A feeding program was then added to address the needs of those individuals who face food insecurity.

GraceWay Village is planning to expand its commitment to those in need by building a Family Restorative Living Facility for families threatened with homelessness. This facility will provide temporary housing for families as well as conduct essential life-skill training leading to self-sufficient healthy families.

GraceWay Village has been very appreciative for the assistance that we are providing. For more information go to www.gracewayvillage.com



FUND FOR LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP: Donna Person

Each year the Board of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization ("SWO") awards a scholarship(s) to seminary student(s) who meet the following criteria:

1) Applicants must be in the candidacy process and have been verified with the Florida-Bahamas Synod Candidacy Chair. 2) Seminary students must be attending one of the eight ELCA seminaries and are either in the Master of Divinity (M.DIV), Master of Arts (MA), or Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) programs. 3) Preference will be given to residents of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, female applicants, and active members of congregational units. 4) Applications will be accepted each year beginning on November 1 with a deadline of December 15 for submission. 5) The selected candidate(s) will be invited to attend the SWO's Fall Gathering, to participate in the weekend's activities, and to present a brief greeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Raeann Purcell

Five Hundred Sixty-five (565) people follow the Florida-Bahamas SWO Facebook page named **Florida/Bahamas Women of the ELCA**. Are you following our Facebook page? Do you have information, events, encouragement, or photos you would like to share? Please feel to message me, email me (raeannpurcell@hotmail.com), or call me (386.212.7933), and we will happily post your information. Coming soon to Instagram.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: Nina Jageler

The Conference Coordinator responsibilities include gathering information in regards to the Conferences and Congregational units. With gathering this information, I have been able to make sure we are able to distribute information correctly and with ease. While this information can be everchanging, I appreciate everyone's attention and promptness with helping me gather this information so we are able to have an effective line of communication. As always flexibility and grace are appreciated as we continue into the future.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: Leone Goding

Most often held on the first Friday of November. World Community Day began in 1943 from discussions at a meeting of denominational presidents and executive secretaries asking that a day be set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. Although many denominations were printing their own studies on the new world order, it was determined at this meeting that their unity would be strengthened on one day of united study. World Community Day continues to emphasize peace but has been broadened to include justice, a vital partner of peace. The once clear categories of "domestic" and "foreign" were consciously blurred so the global scope of the wide range of problems could be emphasized on World Community Day. Please check with your local region for the nearest Church Women United Unit. You can contact Leone at 352-223-1925 or at leonegoding@centurylink.net.



Visit the Prayer Lounge in the Cokesbury Building
where you can get connected with a Prayer Partner!

Welcome: Anne Storan, President FL-BA SWO

Land Acknowledgement

[L] The Florida Bahamas Women of the ELCA wishes to acknowledge and honor the Seminole, Timucua, Miccosukee, and Mascogo tribal nations upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship today and throughout the weekend, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

[ALL] We understand the importance and necessity of our acknowledging the land and the original, Indigenous peoples whose creation stories are rooted in these places and who have lived on these lands throughout Turtle Island since time immemorial.

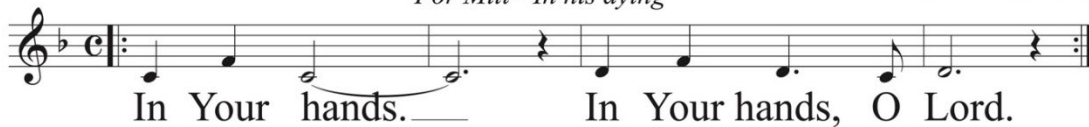
FRIDAY OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

“He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands”

In Your Hands

For Milt - In his dying

Anne M. Harman



Copyright (c) 2012 Anne M, Harman. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission.

Pr. Anne Harman – Greeting and Welcome

Hymn: He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands Afro-American Spiritual

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands...

He's got the whole world in his hands...

Reader: People of God, Open your ears and your hearts to hear God's Good News to us today! God who has created all living things, dwells among us and invites us to be good news for the world. Open your ears. Open your hearts!

Reading from Scripture: Isaiah 42:5-9

From the 42 chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

People of God, this is God's word for us today!

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: God has created all living things, all life has come from God's loving, omnipotent, creative hand. God has called us into relationship to be light and justice for the nations. May all that we do this weekend, kindle Christ's light within us, empower us to bring God's justice, care, compassion and mercy to our each other in fellowship and to our neighbors in need.

People of God, open your ears, open your hearts!

**Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Afro-American Spiritual**

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . .

He's got the whole world in his hands...

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . .

He's got the whole world in his hands...

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

WELCA - Fall Gathering 2024

Worship with Communion

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands.

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

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

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism...

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water...

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water...

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism...

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit...

Amen.

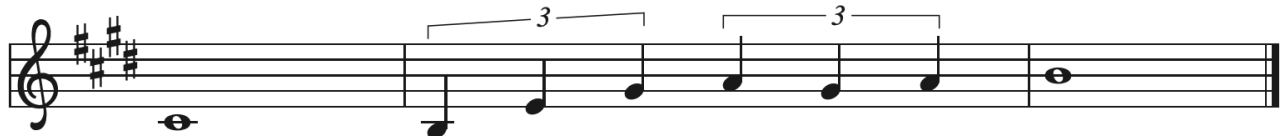
Come to the Water of Life – ACS 955



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever
 Text and music © 1999 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray.

God of all living things, you have created us and placed us within your web of life. You call us to tend, keep, and protect all creation. Open our hearts to your Word that we may hear our call to be a blessing to the world. We make this prayer in Jesus holy name.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Genesis 12:1-3 - The Call of Abram

A Reading from the book of Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

Reader: Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment
O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**ALL: Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Reader: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**ALL: Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Reader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

ALL: **Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.”**

Reader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.

ALL: **Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.**

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-7, 16-17a, 21

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then the angel^[a] showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^[b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ELW 423 Verses 1 and 2 are sung

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24: 44-49

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon: - Pr. Anne Harman

Hymn of the Day: Touch That Soothes and Heals – ACS 939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and last. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Please respond to each invocation: God of grace, hear our prayer.

A Sign of Peace and Reconciliation

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of your peace.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please be seated.

OFFERING:

Hymn: **Come Now, O Prince of Peace – ELW 247**



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
Text and music © Geonyong Lee

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

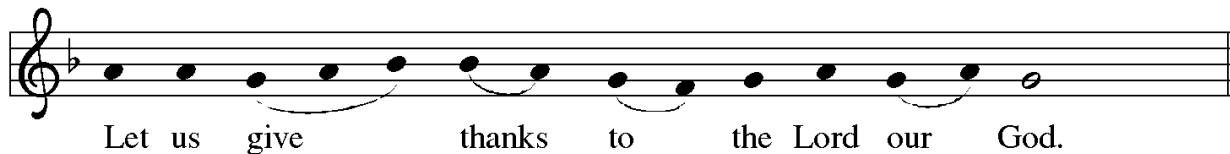
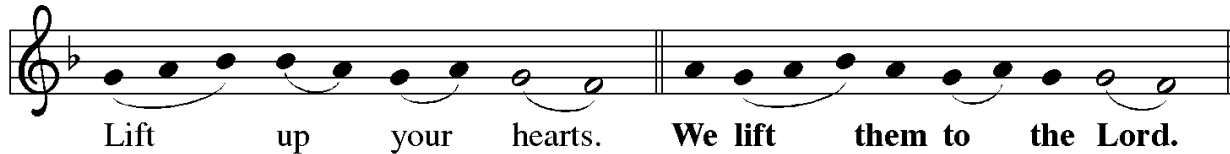
God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

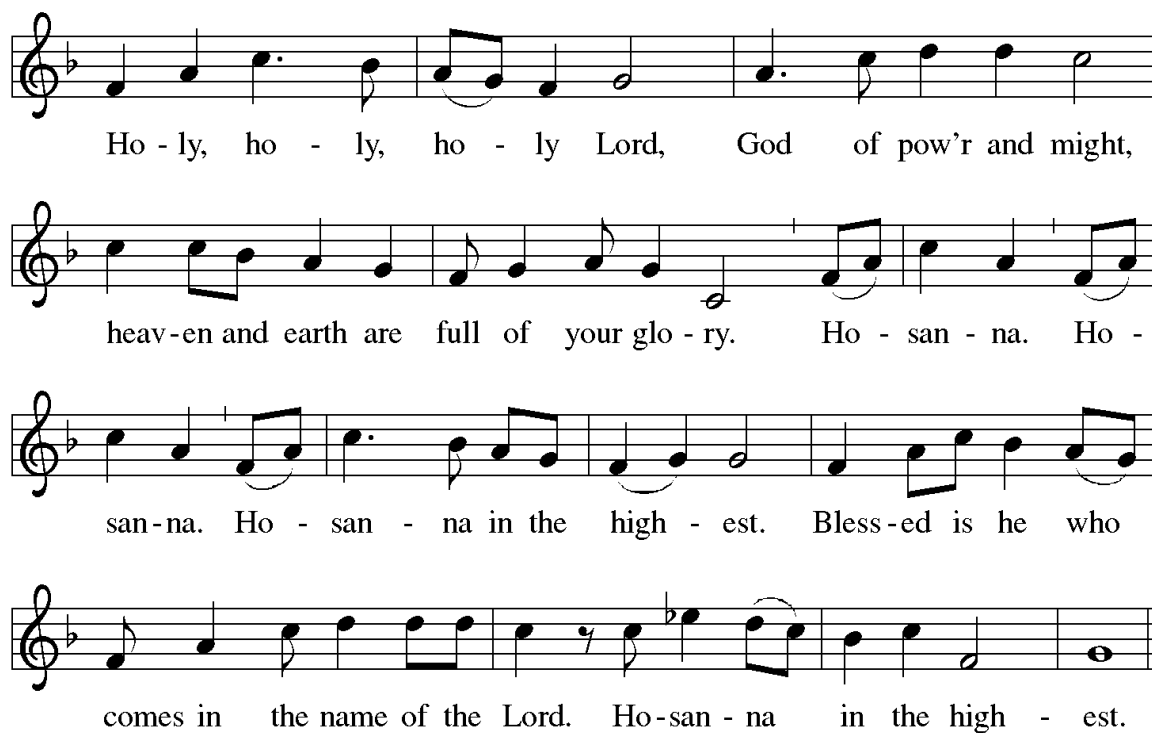
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.





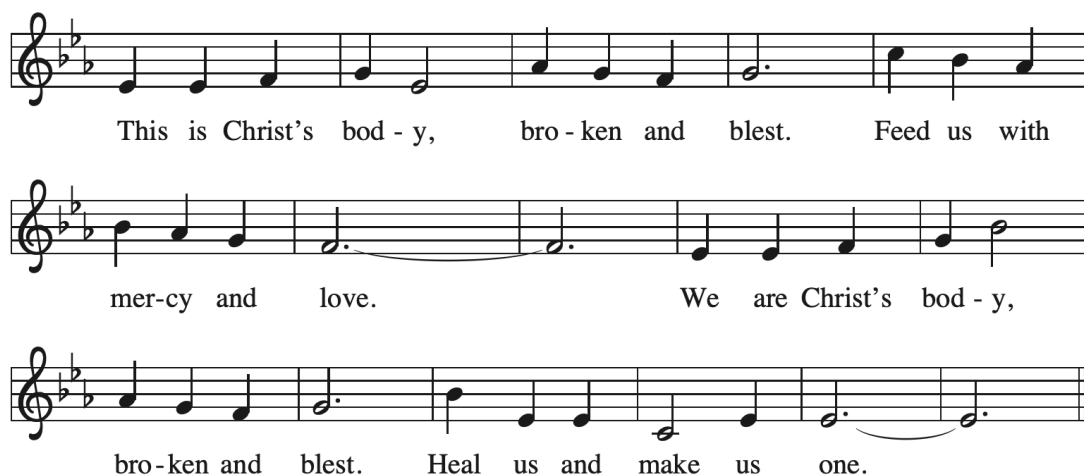
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty and merciful...

Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
 mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
 bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

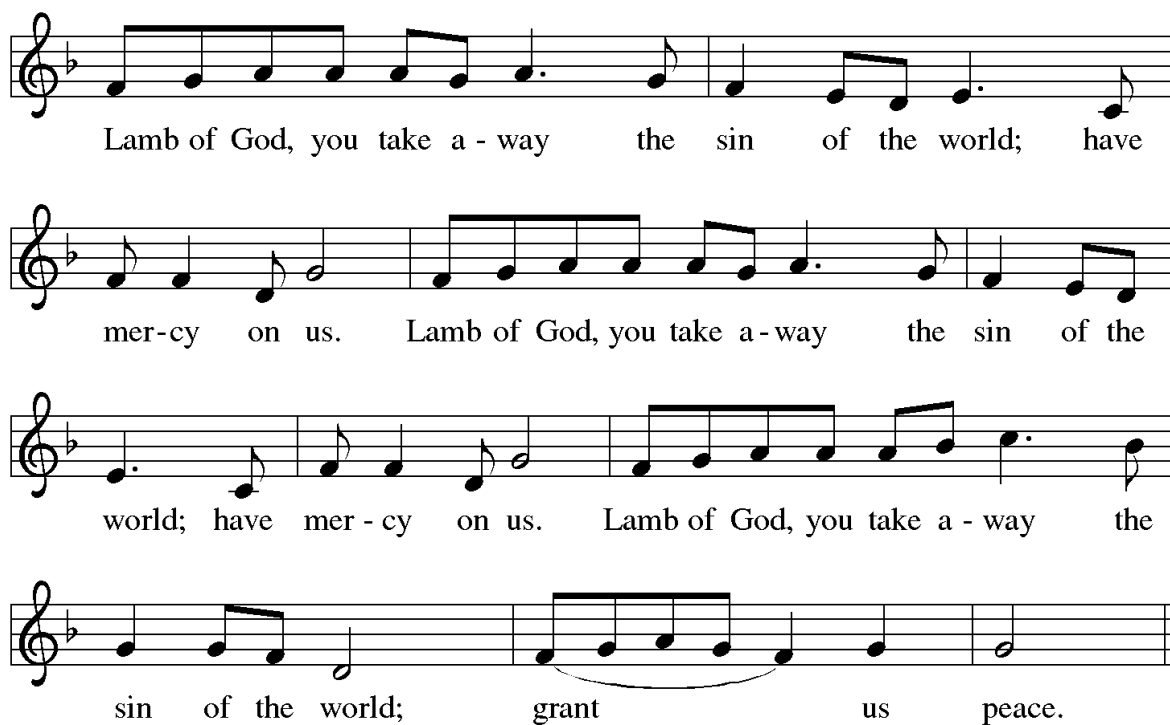
Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
 Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ
 Text and music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn: One Bread, One Body – ELW 496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

Text and music © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Hymn: To Be Your Presence – ELW – 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
 love ex - pressed,
 church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

In Your Hands

For Milt - In his dying

Anne M. Harman



In Your hands. In Your hands, O Lord.

Copyright (c) 2012 Anne M, Harman. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission.

Prayer after communion:

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love to all the families of the world, in Jesus Christ our Savior we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.

**Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Afro-American Spiritual**

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands...

He's got the whole world in his hands...

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . .

He's got the whole world in his hands...

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . .

He's got the whole world in his hands...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are witnesses to the light and life of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

From sundaysandseasons.com.

Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB118342.

Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

onelicense.net A-739852 & CCLI Copyright #11599365 / CCLI Streaming #2069936

SATURDAY NIGHT HYMN SING

You Got to Move When the Spirit Says Move

Traditional Afro-American

You gotta move when the spirit says move
You gotta move when the spirit says move
When the spirit says move, you gotta move O Lord
You got to move when the spirit says move

Then repeat for each verse:

You gotta love
You gotta pray

You gotta dance
You gotta sing

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around this neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Take it out into the world, I'm going to let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the big wide world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands
He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands

He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

Refrain

4. For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 . On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.

Refrain

- 3 . Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

- 4 . Soon we'll reach the shining
river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Refrain

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am
worn;
Through the storm, through the
night,
Lead me on to the light:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain

3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river, I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*) safe and secure
from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*) leaning on the
everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Gather Us In

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & INSTALLATION

Sunday, November 10, 2024

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands: Closing Installation Service & Blessing of the Hands with Oil

Introduction

The Gospel of Mark 7 goes with the 2 chronicles 7 text and the theme of God having the whole world in His hands. It is a story that gives faith and righteousness to a poor, Gentile woman—and so the removal of a demon from her daughter—all by the power of faith. This is God holding the whole world in his hands and saving his chosen wherever they are—Greek, woman, with a daughter taken over by a demon—Jesus frees them by the power of his forgiveness.

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Gathering and Promising Words

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, who holds us and the whole world in his hand by joining in singing our opening hymn: In Christ there is no East or West, we all belong to him in love.

Opening Hymn: "In Christ there is no East or West" (verses 1 & 4)



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all:

C: And also with you

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord our God, you truly hold the entire world in the palm of your hand. We ask you to send your holy angels who serve you in heaven to cover us and defend us here on earth. Increase in us daily the gifts of faith, hope and love, so that we truly trust you in all things and become a blessing to all in your kingdom of earth.

C: Amen

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Seventh Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The assembly is seated.

Sermon: *Make God's No into a Yes!*

Intern Pastor Beatrice D'Angelo

Sermon Hymn: "Here I am Lord" (Solo, verses 1 & 2, repeat refrain responsively)



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
 Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
 Text and music © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc., 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Instrumental Song

P: O Lord our God, Bless the work of the Women of the Lutheran Church, let us humbly come before you, know that you have asked us to love the whole world—even our enemies—and that you would bring great fruit from our faith—even as the mango tree bears bountiful fruit when you provide.

C: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: God of goodness and strength, we pray for the church throughout the world that it will raise up faithful preachers. We ask you to bring peace where there is war and lift up the lowly as you bring down the powerful from their thrones. Let us see your glory and give thanks that you are truly the Lord of all.

C. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Installation Hymn: *For All the Faithful Women* (verses 1 & 2)



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Installation Ceremony Thanksgiving for those who have served

Pastor:

Officers and Board Members who have completed their service come forward.

Churchwide Representative:

Sisters in Christ, through your baptism you were called to lives of service as part of the priesthood we all share in Jesus Christ. You have served faithfully and well as leaders in the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization.

Assembly: We thank God for you.

You have served thoughtfully, graciously and with diligence, offering strategic leadership to this synodical women's organization and to the entire women's organization.

Assembly: We thank God for you.

Will you continue to share your wisdom and your experience with this synodical women's organization? Will you support and encourage the future leaders of this synodical women's organization, praying for and with them?

Officers & Board Members: Yes, and I ask God to help and guide me.

As a sign of support for these leaders and for Women of the ELCA, I ask those here gathered to stand as they are able.

Assembly: We recognize and appreciate your gifts to God and to Women of the ELCA. We thank God for all that you have done and will continue to do in the name of Jesus.

Pastor: Please be seated. Those whose service is ended may also return to their seats.

Installation of Officers and Board Members

Pastor: Officers and board members with term remaining come forward. New officers and new board members also come forward.

Churchwide Representative:

Hear these words from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Sisters in Christ, you have been chosen for leadership responsibilities in Women of the ELCA. We rejoice in the gifts God has given you and, in your willingness, to offer them for this service. Will you continue to seek to grow in faith, attending daily to God's holy Word, and listening to God in prayer?

Officers and Board Members: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Will you earnestly seek to affirm the gifts of others, to share the responsibilities of your office in partnership with your sisters and to encourage others to offer their talents and skills in the ministry of the gospel?

Officers and Board Members: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Will you seek to lead the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization in ministry and action, extending God's loving promise of hope to those beyond this community?

Officers and Board Members: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Do you accept the specific responsibilities for which you have been elected and will you seek to serve faithfully?

Officers and Board Members: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Do you accept responsibility for the financial and constitutional order of the Florida- Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization?

Officers and Board Members: With God's help, I accept the responsibility for the financial and constitutional order of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization.

Through Holy Baptism, you were gathered into the family of God and called to minister to others, and through your election, you have been chosen to serve as leaders of Women of the ELCA. May God work through you to share hope and healing with the world in which you live. God is faithful and will graciously enable you to fulfill your task. May God's blessing give you peace.

Addressing the assembly...

As a sign of support for these elected leaders and for Women of the ELCA, I ask those here gathered to stand as they are able. You are called through Holy Baptism to a life of discipleship. Will you receive these leaders and work with them, pray for them, and support them for the sake of the gospel?

Assembly: With God's help, we will. We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us!

These leaders are now commended to you. May God grant them grace and strength for their task.

Addressing the assembly...

Pastor: Let us stand in recognition and appreciation of these women for their gifts to God and to Women of the ELCA.

Pastor: Please be seated. The officers and board members also return to their seats.

Blessing of the Hands with Oil

P: Let us pray,

O Lord, our God, we are here to witness to the fulfillment of your promises. From generation to generation, the God of Israel is also the God of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization. As your hands are anointed with oil, go out to be sustained and encouraged by the love of God in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let All Come forth to Receive the Blessing of the Lord!

*Six stations are formed to bless the hands of all in assembly.
All return to their seats after blessing.*

Promise to Assembly

Pastor and Assistants: *"Receive God's healing to be a blessing."*

Blessing of the Hands song: *"Healer of our Every ill"* (Musical Arrangement by Lynn Steger)

After blessing is completed, the assembly stands.

P: Let us pray responsively.

P: God of Abundance,

C: We ask your blessings upon the faithful women of this gathering, our sisters and friends, our daughters and granddaughters, and our grandmothers and mothers as they listen to your call. Open our eyes, for you have chosen us and established your royal throne before us.

Amen.

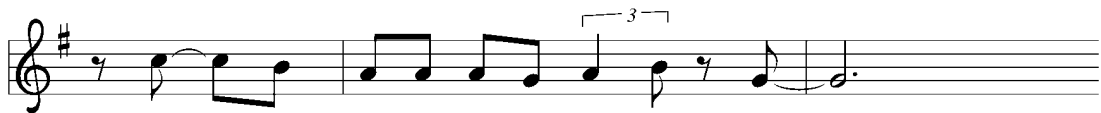
Closing Hymn: We are Marching in the Light of God (Verse 1)



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



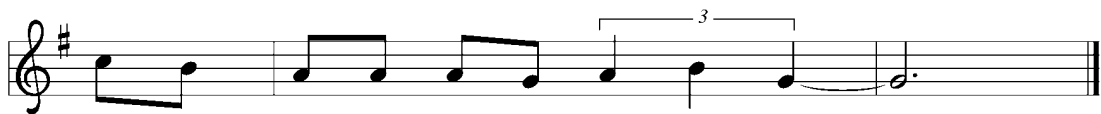
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional
 Tr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Benediction

P: Receive the benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, the Lord look upon you will favor, and give you peace.

Dismissal

P: I hereby declare this gathering closed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in Peace! You are Forgiven! God will produce much fruit from you, as he does with his mango trees!

Postlude - "Praise Ye the Lord"

Be Humble, Seek God, Repent, Pray - He Will Forgive & Heal



HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

Before you leave for home...

In the lobby:

Keys: Place in designated area
(\$10.00 charge for lost keys)

Name Tag Holders:

Tuck strings inside and place in box

Evaluations: Place in designated box.

Please also clean up your displays and the snack tables.

Safe travels home!



CREDENTIALS REPORT

	Business Session 1	Business Session 2	Business Session 3	Business Session 4	Business Session 5	Business Session 6
Voting Members						
Officers & Board						
Total Voting						

Parliamentarian: Tracy Moffatt

Timekeeper: Nina Jageler

Credentials Committee Chair: Virginia Robertson

Conduct of Election Committee Chair: Stacia Carter

Resolutions Committee Chair: Sallie Haley

Committee on Report of the President Chair: Judy Driesbaugh

Nominating Committee Chair: Denise Beumer

Committee on Minutes Chair: Laurie Nelson

Committee on Claims and Offerings Chair: Tracy Moffatt

Election Results:

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Board Members - 2-year term
1.
2.
3.

Love Offering \$ _____

Communion Service Offering \$ _____