



The Emanuel Light

November
2019

Emanuel's Mission Statement:
"We lovingly connect people to God by nurturing
the Christian faith in all God's children"

The following is Pastor Tim Brown of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, NC

Thanksgiving Grace

"We all bow our heads around the table and close our eyes, except for my youngest son, Alistair. He's the one who will lead the prayer. His 3-year-old eyes remain open so he'll know what he's going to say because we have a growing tradition in our home where we pray for the things we see before us at dinner.

Tonight the litany is long as he gives thanks for the turkey, broccoli, "smashed" potatoes, napkins, milk, everyone around the table, and the ever-present but not always physically present "cousins and friends," an ending to just about every grace in our home.

He doesn't breathe between the words, and the whole thing tumbles out of his mouth like a beautifully chaotic poem. We love him for it. "Amen," he says with a final breath. "Amen," we all chime. He smiles to himself, happy that he had the chance to pray tonight.

That kind of simple thank-you is something we've come to look forward to in our meals. It expresses an honest and authentic gratitude unadorned by flowery language. And as we approach our national day for giving thanks, I wonder if a return to that sort of simplicity might be called for in all our lives.

With information literally available at the push of a button, it's not like we're starved for data in these times. Cellphones are more prevalent than clean water in this new world we're forming. Facts are thrown at us minute-by-minute by a constant news cycle that's laced with a scrolling ticker at the bottom for the news under all of that news.

But when we're thinking about consumption, and there's no better day to think about that than Thanksgiving, perhaps taking on a simpler diet might be just what we need. It's what I'm feeling I need.

Take a moment to just be aware of what is right in front of you at the table, to be aware of the people in your life, and just name them outright. This might be the simple thank-you appropriate for this Thanksgiving in our complex world.

One of my favorite Thanksgiving hymns comes from the Shaker tradition. Its lyrics ground me in these days:

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight,
till by turning, turning we come 'round right ("Simple Gifts" by Joseph Brackett, 1848).

I don't buy too deeply into the ideas of coming 'round right nor in gaining true simplicity, but I do long for a simpler life most days. I long for a simpler existence in this complex world, and seeking moments of extended pause has become a nonstop search for me. It's not a desire to turn out "right," as much as it's a desire to be in the moment "right now."

And trust me, if you want to pause in life, ask a 3-year-old to give the prayer at mealtime. You'll find yourself giving thanks for only the things within eyesight. That kind of simple thanks-giving is what I look forward to most this year.

Reflections in November—

Coming from a large extended family where we always had this particular dinner together with family and friends I have had many meals and many memories. First ... Bubba (yep, that is what everyone called him) was a neighbor of ours who asked my husband to go turkey shooting with him because he said he was not taking his wife shooting with him ever again. Dave asked why not? Bubba said; "she did everything wrong, got nothing right. She talked too much, constantly disturbed the undergrowth, loaded the wrong gauge shot in the gun, used the wrong luring whistles and worst of all," he cried, 'she shot more turkeys than me!'

Tommy, my cousin, told us about driving to Missouri to join a group turkey shoot with old army friends. First morning they could not find any turkeys. The organizer said "Never to mind, we'll go back to the cabin, have breakfast then try again." "I believe I'll skip breakfast and keep on looking" said Bud from Oklahoma. While they were having breakfast the group heard all kinds of gunshot so after eating they headed out in the general direction of the shooting. They were greeted by Bud, who said, 'bring a truck, I've got me 5 of them'.

The leader asked if they really need a truck for 5 birds? 'Birds?' said Bud, "I've got me 5 sheep, I wasn't going to come all this way for Oklahoma to go home empty handed!"

Next is meal prep ... My Mother and my Nana always had pearl onions for Thanksgiving dinner, so my first year of having Thanksgiving at my house, I found pearl onions at the store and called Nana to ask her how to fix them. She told me "just boil them up and serve." So that is what I did. The onions got passed to Mother and Nana (they were the only ones to eat them) right away. They took a bite at about the same time ... Nana started choking while Mother spit hers out into her napkin. They both had screwed up faces while looking at me thru tears, choking and coughing. I thought they were having seizures! It seems I had purchased cocktail onions for drinks that were in a strong vinegar brine, and I had just "boiled them up" and served them right out of the jar!

Karen, my beloved sister-in-law, is known by the family as "The Jello Queen," and she had spent a lot of time making an intricately layered Jello which was in the refrigerator until dinner. Dad was helping to put all the dishes on the table and when he pulled the Jello dish out, he collided with something and flipped the Jello face down into the very hairy dog bed. It was tossed (but Karen does make the best Jello dishes!).

My Aunt Mary was a business woman and was NOT known for her cooking skills. But one year she decided that she would contribute mashed potatoes to Mother's Thanksgiving meal. Aunt Mary dumped 10 lbs of whole, unpeeled potatoes in a soup pot, covered it with water and cooked it "for awhile." Then she tried to mash them with a spoon – she did not own a masher nor mixer and in reality, she perhaps was not even aware that such a thing existed. That year, we were slicing our mashed potatoes with knives and used LOTS of gravy. She never offered to make anything again, but she brought the wine!

My friend Judy got up early one Thanksgiving morning to stuff her turkey for roasting and when she opened up the stuffing mix, moths flew out of the sealed package! She called me in a panic saying she sent her husband, Steve, to the store, but there was nothing available, what to do? I dug thru my freezer and dug out some old, freezer dried, hot dog and hamburger buns, stuck them in the oven to thaw and we made dressing with them and a ton of butter. Everyone said it was the best dressing they ever ate! Never to be repeated.

I have never had the energy to make a turducken (turkey stuffed with boneless duck that has been stuffed with a boneless chicken) - but I have had the power go out (2 times in the Pacific NW) while cooking the turkey which had to be finished on the barbeque grill. We have had frozen turkey, fresh turkey, dry turkey, burnt turkey, freshly killed turkey (I had someone else remove the feathers!). Also had smoked turkey, brined turkey, my brother-in-law, Richard's, deep fried turkey (especially good!), injected turkey and once a Rock Cornish game hen which we called "a turkey."

Once I wanted to try this hot, new Chef Thomas Keller's recipe which included basting the turkey in mayonnaise for moistness. My finished product was completely black with the mayonnaise layer charred, but it tasted pretty good once we scraped the burnt layer off!"

Another memorable turkey—after rubbing the bird all over with olive oil, I picked it up, lost my grip, slipped and slid across the floor chasing the oily bird across the kitchen which, of course, ended up on the floor. I picked it up, washed it off, re-oiled the flying fowl and roasted that sucker without telling anyone of its last flight for a couple of years!

Recipe Corner - *I love Sweet Potatoes any way you can fix them, as you will see below! Jeannie*

Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Preheat oven to **375** degrees—have oven rack in the middle of oven

4 **sweet potatoes**, peeled, 1-inch cubes

Place in a **large bowl**

1/4 c **olive oil**,
plus more for drizzling after roasting

Drizzle on potatoes

1/4 c **honey** (or for real Southern - **molasses**)

Mix together in small bowl

1 tsp **cinnamon**

Pour over potatoes

1 tsp **nutmeg**

Toss well

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cover baking sheet (with a rim) in foil—pour tossed potatoes in a single layer in pan with space between each piece. Roast for 25-30 minutes till tender. Remove and place on a serving platter. Drizzle with more olive oil. Serve.

How about ... Sweet Potato Chips

Preheat oven to **400** degrees—racks in center & lower position

Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with foil

2 med. Sweet potatoes-scrubbed, sliced 1/8 " thick slices (a mandolin works super well) divide them between the 2 baking sheets

1 Tbsp olive oil—drizzle, over potatoes and toss with hands—then spread in a **single** layer

Bake 15 minutes, **flip** potatoes over and **continue baking 10-15** minutes until centers are soft and edges are crisp.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with **1/2 tsp sea salt** (coarse salt) - *optional—sprinkle with fine shredded Parmesan cheese

And ... Finally Mashed Sweet Potatoes (

6 sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped
kosher **salt**

Cover in a **large pot** with at least 2" salt water
Cook for 25-30 minutes—till very tender
Pour off water and mash with mixer

3/4 c. half and half (or milk)

Add in

4 tbsp. butter

*optional—**2 tbsp. maple syrup**

Freshly ground **black pepper**

Serve

Volunteers for November Shon Zawada

- Council Member
- Property Committee
- Budget & Finance Committee
- Power Point Expert
- Handy Man
- Prairie Days Pillar
- Debate challenger
- Chef
 - Smoker of Meats
 - Shrimp & Grits expert
- Caterer
- Political Contender



THE LAST THANKSGIVING



Giving Thanks Dinner Wish List

Dinner Paper Plates – 10-10 1/2 inch size
 Dessert Plates – 6-7 inch size
 8 oz Styrofoam cups
 Toilet Paper
 Paper towels
 Napkins
 3 compartment-medium size-heavy duty (take home) containers
 16 oz Styrofoam cups and lids
 Kool Aid
 Apple Cider and Hot Chocolate - individual packets
 If you are able to donate any of these items, please see Karen or Jeannie. A monetary gift is also okay, just note that it for "Giving Thanks Dinner"



November— 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am-Coffee Hour • 10am-Worship (Emanuel) • 12pm-Worship (Christ the King) 			•		10 to 7 pm—Fall Bazaar Set-up	Fall Into the Holidays II BAZAAR 9 am to 5 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>(See above Worship times)</p> <p>6 pm Soccer Coach Mtg</p>	5 pm Soccer Players 5-7 G S Troop #44588	<p>1 pm <u>WELCA</u></p> <p>6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u></p> <p>7 pm Yelm Comm. Choir</p> <p>8 pm Masonic Lodge Mtg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark • 2 pm-Link churches subcommittee mtg • 4 to 6 pm Art classes • 5 pm Soccer Players 	Office Closed Noon—Linked Churches	Office Closed	Noon to 2:30 Girl Scout Troop # 44000
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>(See above Worship times)</p> <p>1 pm Christ the King Potluck</p>	5 pm Soccer Players 5-7 G S Troop #44588 6—Budget & Finance 6:30-Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm—Community Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark • 4 to 6 pm Art classes • 5 pm Soccer Players 	Office Closed	Newsletter Items due	9 to noon—YARG—Yelm Emergency Radio Group Meeting 2-5 pm Mom's Club Potluck
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>(See above Worship times)</p> <p>9 am—Council Meeting</p> <p>11 am Congregational Meeting</p>	5 pm Soccer Players 5-7 G S Troop #44588	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm—Community Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark • 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs • 5 pm Soccer Players 	Office Closed 10 am Quilters	6 pm—Worship & Music	Noon to 2:30 Girl Scout Troop # 44000
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>(See above Worship times)</p>	5 pm Soccer Players 5-7 G S Troop #44588	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm—Community Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark • 4 to 6 pm Art classes • 5 pm Soccer Players 	Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	Office Closed All Day - Decorate church	

Get to Know All Saint's Day

“There is a lot of meaning packed into the word all in All Saints.

All includes some most beloved to us. All Saints calls to mind specific individuals: particular beloved faces, names and memories. On All Saints, the congregation may name in worship loved ones who have died in the past year.

All includes those beloved by others. All Saints creates a space that embraces with honor the multitudes of individuals among the beloved dead. We see their faces, say their names, and recognize in the worshipers around us others who carry their own memories and litanies of saints. All Saints sets out a place for all of them—an assembly the book of Revelation describes as “a number no one could count” with saints “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” (7:9). All Saints brings into focus our own beloved dead while also stretching our imagination toward the whole company of saints, more diverse and populous than we can fully comprehend.

All are saved by grace. The festival originally honored those who were considered especially holy: heroic figures from the Scriptures and martyrs who had given their lives nonviolently in witness to the faith. However, it is an especially Lutheran accent for the feast to honor not only those who lived exemplary lives, but all who have been baptized into Christ's death. For Lutherans, All Saints resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint, simul justus et peccator. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace, apart from our works, that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

We share a mortal, earthy nature with all humans and all living creatures on the planet. Death is an inevitable part of life for all of us. It is part of our citizenship as earth creatures. In the Bible's wisdom literature, the word all is like a bell ringing to remind us of the lesson of Ash

Wednesday: The fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again (Ecclesiastes 3:19-20). John's Gospel uses seed imagery: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit (12:24). All Saints proclaims a mystery. We remain in communion with those who have returned to the earth ahead of us.

We wait with all creation. All Saints is commemorated when much of the North American landscape appears to be dying down. Days are shorter, tree branches are becoming bare, the air is colder and fields have been stripped of their harvest. November begins a cycle of readings extending through Advent in which the themes of death and danger are in dialogue with our deepest hopes. As the sun sinks lower in the sky each day, our Scripture texts help us seek answers to a searing question: “How can we live in hope and integrity when it looks like the end of the world?” All Saints begins a season in which we contemplate the hopes and fears of all creation, watching and waiting for signs of a new day dawning for all of us.

The themes of All Saints extend into all of Christian life. We call to mind every Sunday the great company of saints as we join their unending hymn around the communion table. We bear witness to new saints being born from the baptismal waters. ... And every time we see the sign of the cross or trace it on our bodies, we remember the one whose death and resurrection has formed this company of all the saints, hallowing all our lives and deaths.

All Saints reimagines the world—all of it. Even in death, God is making all things new.”

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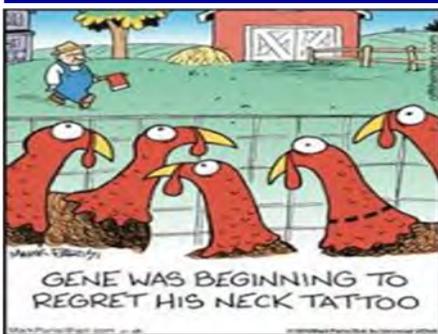
Some more tidbits from Marjan Morrish's: *You Know You Are A Lutheran If* by Janet Martin and Suzann Nelson that I thought you would appreciate!

You Know you are a Lutheran if:

- * You think that if the church is the Congregation of Saints, God must have a vivid imagination
- * You are a Norwegian Lutheran if you think the phrase Norwegian Lutheran is redundant
- * You are a Norwegian Lutheran if you just assume that lutefisk and lefse are directly descended from the 2 fishes and 5 loaves at the Sea of Galilee.
- * You are a Norwegian Lutheran if you won't admit that "Children of the Heavenly Father" was written by a Swede and that "Away in a Manager" and "A Mighty Fortress" were written by Germans.
- * You know that you are a German Lutheran it goes without question that the Germans were the chosen ones
- * You know that you are a German Lutheran when you know you'd rather eat *kraut* than *lutefisk* any day.
- * You know that you are a German Lutheran when you know for sure that Martin Luther would have been elected Pope.

I hope you have enjoyed the excerpts from Marjan's book. We need to thank her for sharing it with us.

10-21-19 – Miss Evelyn Alderson wants to thank all of those people who have been helping her. She is especially thankful for the people who help her on Sunday mornings so that she can continue to Worship with us!



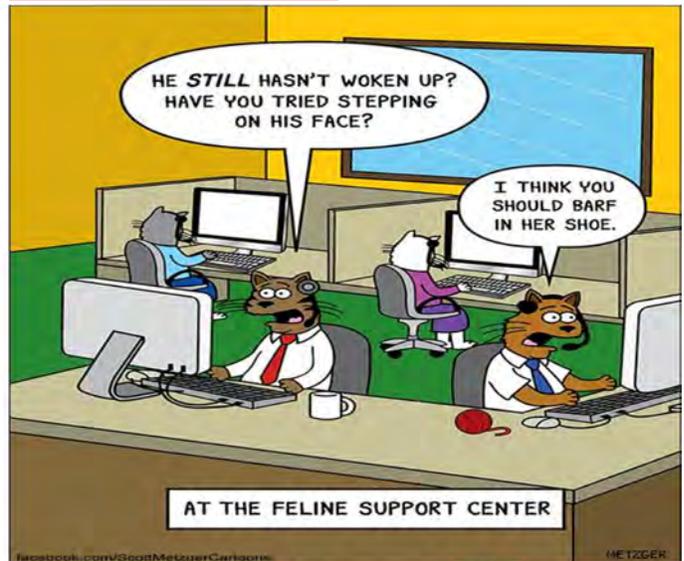
Scripture Readings for November 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival-Sunday</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
11/03	All Saints Sunday	Isa 1:10-18	Ps 32:1-7	2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
11/10	Pentecost 22	Job 19:23-27a	Ps 17:1-9	2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
11/17	Pentecost 23	Malachi 4:1-2a	Ps 98	2 Thess 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
11/24	Thanksgiving	Deut 26:1-11	Ps 100	Phil 4:4-9	John 6:25-23
12/01	Advent 1				

For "Cat" People



"Orange! Rhyme that, smarty-pants!"



From Jim Smith:

- ◇ "I'd rather stand with God and be condemned by the world than to stand with the world and be condemned by God" Denzel Washington
- ◇ Jesus didn't say, "I am finished." He said "It is finished." He was just getting started.
- ◇ The Bible never says "figure it out." But over and over it says, "Trust God." He has already got it all figured out.
- ◇ God uses broken people like you and me to rescue broken people like you and me.
- ◇ God is still writing your story. Quit trying to steal the pen!
- ◇ Have you ever looked up, smiled and said, "I know that was you God. Thank you."
- ◇ Death was proof that Jesus human. Resurrection was proof that he is God.
- ◇ God did not say "Understand Me." He said "Trust Me."
- ◇ The mouth (and the internet?) should have 3 gatekeepers.
 1. Is it true?
 2. Is it kind?
 3. Is it necessary?



Prayer List Nov. 2019

Afflicted with cancer

Bitton, Lisa
 Calhoun, Jason
 Cotton, Keith
 Fred
 Guffey, Ramona
 Hawkinson, Easton
 Henderson, Judy
 Huttar, Debbie
 Iromi
 Larkin-Wolfer, Lisa
 Mike
 Risch, Roger
 Runion, Beverly
 Sean—Allan’s Friend
 Sheetz, Janice
 Swanson, Derek
 Thompson, Gene
 White, Jeri

Homebound/Care Facility

Kallio, Robert
 Keena, Almyra

Difficult Times

Family member of Jeannie
 Friends of Jeannie
 Hernandez, Adrianna
 Nelson, Beverly
 Vosse, Johnie

Receiving Medical Care

Alderson, Evelyn
 Baker, Martin
 Graham, Mary Ann
 Holbrook, Colleen
 John—Allan’s Friend
 Pennington, Allie
 Snyder, Carmen

Military, Law Enforcement and E/R Workers

Aull, Greg
 Aull, Stephanie
 Larson, Troy
 Lyon, Kyle
 Miller, Jeremy
 Slease, Brian
 Slease, Kevin
 Slease, Thomas

Please also pray for those in Service in combat and/or suffering from PTSD and/or other injuries

*NOTE—Anyone can include someone on the prayer list or add them back on to the list. Just fill out a blue prayer card and put it in the **offering plate**, or give to the office. You may also telephone message or email the information to the office along with your name and contact number. Be sure what category they are to be listed under.

Names are removed after 4 Sundays, except for those with cancer, home-bound or in a care facility, and service men and women: these will remain for a year.

If you wish to be a part of the Prayer Chain, contact Jeannie at 360-458-3861. You do **not** have to have the internet to be on the Prayer Chain, we can make arrangements as needed for you to participate!

Up-Coming Events at Emanuel

- We are about ready for the **Fall Into the Holidays II Bazaar** in the first Saturday in November (2nd). Anyone interested in participating, please talk to Kathy or myself . We have more Vendors than ever before, causing a “buzz” in town, people have been calling to see when it is going to happen!
- We are booking private parties and gatherings in our Fellowship Hall for November and December, please check the calendar as needed.
- Looks like we will be having a lay-led Bible study this Advent Season, beginning December 1 for 4 Sundays in December at 9 am. Looking forward to this study.
- We will be having the Giving Thanks Dinner on Tuesday Dec 24 at 6 pm and then at 7 pm we will have a simple Service with Carrols and Scripture Readings. Plan to join us for one or both events!

10-23-19 - Almyra has moved again – we are going to call her the “traveling show” here pretty soon! She always enjoys visits from anyone who has the time to stop in to see her. She would love to receive a card or note from you.

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All are welcome to the

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*Fall into the
Holidays II Bazaar*

Over 25 Vendors
Crafts ~ Home Décor ~ Direct Sales

Saturday, November 2nd
9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.