

LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD WORSHIP SERVICE
FOR A SEASON OF THANKS 2020

Sponsored by the World Hunger Subcommittee



Opening Song - "Fullness" shared by the First Lutheran Onalaska (West Conference) praise band: Todd Saner (vocals & guitar), Gabe Hicks (vocals & piano), Brian Renkas (keyboard), Jim Knutson (drums), Troy Birdsong (bass), Dick Daleki (electric guitar)

Welcome to a table of abundance - Pastor Kathy Ingbritsen, retired, member of Journey Lutheran, North Conference; and Interim at Our Redeemer Lutheran, La Crosse, West Conference

Music - "In This Thanksgiving" Words & Music by Dean Saner, Immanuel Lutheran, Viroqua; South Conference

CHORUS: I will pray and I'll sing and I'll rejoice for everything through Christ your son, and his care for everyone

I'll remember every day to day this way to be and rejoice for your love is living, in this thanksgiving.

VERSE: When my heart is lonely and my eyes only see the dark and hope fades away, And when I am down and out, God turn me around, may your blessings flow on this lost sinner's soul (CHORUS)

VERSE: How long will I hold on, hold my pride for so long as I wander away from you Now with your forgiveness, and the grace that you give us may your face shine on me, help this lost sinner see (CHORUS)

BRIDGE: And in this harvest time may we hear your call though the skies are heavy and full,

Let the beauty of your creation live here in our hearts, Lord, help us love as we are loved, as we are loved by you.

Gospel Reading - Luke 9:11-17 *Emma Grinde, Wartburg Seminary Intern at the Lutheran Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, MDiv candidate in our synod, Member at Immanuel, Viroqua; South Conference*

Sermon "From Thanks To Giving" *Bishop Jim Arends*

Apostles Creed - *Pastor Amanda Schultz Garcia, with members at the Cashton Three Point Parish; South Conference*

Music - "Love The Lord" - *First Lutheran, Onalaska praise band, joined by Pastors Jason Stanton and Karyn Bodenschatz – please sing along, lyrics are on the slideshow!*

Celebration of the Beauty of our Synod, and reflection on generosity and the ongoing Family Farm "barn-raising" project for Synod Assembly 2021 (postponed from 2020) *Pastor John Ashland (South Beaver Creek and Hardies Creek, Ettrick) and Tim Byom (Hardies Creek) with videography by Bo and Vickie Baer; North Conference. (Additional barn photos are shared through the video by congregations throughout the synod.)*

Song - "Canticle of the Turning," The Lord's Prayer - *Pastor Dawn and Brad, Andrew, and Delia Lindberg, Peace Lutheran, Tomah; East Conference*

Closing Music - "When You Think Of Me" - *First Lutheran, Onalaska Virtual Choir: Dick Daleki, Steve Lind, Todd Saner, Peggy Daleki, Bev Larson, Nancy Beguin, Jenny Saner*

Closing Blessing - *Pastor Ingbritsen, videography by Ed Klein, Our Redeemer, La Crosse*

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Members of the Hunger Subcommittee: *Bob and Kathy Weeks (co-chairpersons), English Lutheran, La Crosse; Joan Francois, Prince of Peace, La Crescent; Tim Byom, Pastors John Ashland and Kathy Ingbritsen. Thanks to outgoing member Joe Myren, Zion Lutheran, Big Flats; welcome to new member Meg Finerty, Immanuel, Viroqua. And thanks to Bishop Jim Arends for all his leadership, support and participation over the years!*