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THANKSGIVING DAY

#### **OPENING HYMN# 392**

Not Unto Us

Pastor: In the name of The Father- Who loves us and provides for us, and of The Son- Who loves us and died for us, and of The Holy Spirit- Who loves us and sanctifies us.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise The Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty

firmament!{Psalms 150:1}

People: Make a joyful shout to The Lord, all you lands! {Psalms 100:1}

Pastor: Praise Him for His mighty acts! Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

{Ps. 150:2}

People: Serve The Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing. [Ps. 100:2] Pastor: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet! Praise Him with the lute and harp! [Ps. 150:3]

People: Know that The Lord, He is God. It is He Who has made us, and not we, ourselves.

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. {Ps. 100:3}

Pastor: Praise Him with the timbrel and dance! Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! {Ps. 150:4}

People: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise! Be thankful to Him and bless His name! {Ps. 100:4}

Pastor: Praise Him with loud cymbals! Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise The Lord! Praise The Lord! {Ps. 150:5,6}

People: For The Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. {Ps. 100:5}

Pastor: We pray. We thank You, O Lord, for every blessing that flows into our lives. We thank You for granting us all that we need. We especially thank You for the faith we have, the forgiveness of sins, the knowledge of our Savior Jesus, and the hope of eternal life. May Your Spirit lead us to be thankful, not just today, but 365 days of the year. Hear our prayer, and grant us Your peace.

People: Amen.

#### GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF JESUS

John 3:13-17

HYMN# 391 vv. 1-4

God Loved the World, So That He Gave

#### GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:5-15

**HYMN# 188** 

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

OPPORTUNITY FOR SILOAH PARTNERS TO SHARE WHY THEY'RE THANKFUL

#### GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE

Ephesians 2:1-8

**HYMN# 381** 

**Grace Has a Thrilling Sound** 

### GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM Matthew 28:18-20

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HYMN# 294 vv. 1-3 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

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## LOVE OFFERINGS & GENEROUS DONATIONS THANKSGIVING PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Matthew 26:26-29

HYMN# 613 Come, You Thankful People, Come

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

On behalf of Pastor Coleman and the entire Siloah Staff, may The Lord bless you with a terrific Thanksgiving celebration!

#### **WELS CHRISTIAN AID AND RELIEF**

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). Easier said than done, right? Life in this broken world is hard. So many problems. So much to worry about. But our gracious God tells us: "Don't worry. Bring it to me. I love you. I'll take care of you." What a relief it is to bring all our wants and worries to God, trusting that he cares for us. What a pleasure to do so with a grateful heart, thankful for all the ways he does care for us. Our God is so generous! He gives us far more than we need. One of the reasons he does this is so we can show our thankfulness to him by

sharing his abundance with others. With your faithful participation and generous support, WELS Christian Aid and Relief seeks to help you share God's abundance. We do this in three main ways: we offer relief for those impacted by natural disasters, we support humanitarian aid projects in our WELS mission fields both at home and abroad, and we help WELS congregations assist their members who are dealing with extreme medical or financial challenges. Your special gifts, shared from the abundance God has showered on you, provide critical assistance to people who are hurting and result in many opportunities to share the precious gospel of our Savior. We thank you and we thank God for you!

#### Christian Aid and Relief grant totals for fiscal year 22-23:

\$1,641,154

**DISASTER RELIEF:** \$502,944 was utilized for disaster relief. Most recently we have provided disaster relief for those impacted by Hurricanes Ida and Ian, and the war in Ukraine.

**HUMANITARIAN AID:** \$708,958 helped to provide basic needs for people all over the world. Home missions receiving humanitarian aid grants include congregations in Canada, Colorado, New Mexico, Florida, and Texas. World mission fields in Africa, Asia, and Europe also received assistance.

**PERSONAL GRANTS:** \$429,252 was used to fund personal grants given through our congregations to assist people going through a health or financial crisis.

To learn more, visit wels.net/relief and fb.com/ WELSChristianAidandRelief.

If a need arises for humanitarian aid or disaster relief in your area, please contact Director Rev. Daniel Sims.



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# Christmas Gift Collection

South Siloah (aka Northside Lutheran Ministries) is again sponsoring a **Christmas gift collection** for many of the people we serve who may find it difficult to enjoy the giving and receiving of gifts because of poverty. We owe much thanks to those who have donated gifts in the past.

Our needs are simple. Provide **new** gifts, to be distributed before Christmas. Local volunteers will distribute these gifts. With your help we continue this sharing of God's blessings with those less fortunate. During the first two weeks of December, please remember to support the collection by bringing **new** gifts to any of the four collection sites. Please call to make other arrangements than those listed below.

Northside Lutheran Ministries – 2533 W. North Ave, Milw. (414)766-4120 (Ms. Leila Watson). DROP OFF Dec. 1-20, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Monday - Friday

#### Please Remember:

- 1. To share the Christmas spirit and donate a gift
- 2. Gifts should not be wrapped. We need to be able to match gifts with needs.
- 3. Please keep gifts appropriate for children and teenagers that are also safe.

Thank you for your generous support and Christmas spirit! Please share this information in your Church bulletin

# Gift Suggestions

#### Women's Gifts:

Slippers Robes

Purses Billfolds

Night Gowns Knit tops Sweatshirts Sweaters

Zippered sweatshirts

Jewelry Caps Mittens Gloves Scarves

Perfume

Cosmetics & toiletries In plastic containers

Body wash All sizes

#### Men's Gifts:

Pajamas Slippers

Socks Sweatshirts

Shirts Sweaters Zippered Sweatshirts

Windbreakers

Wallets Large T-shirts

Gloves Scarves Stocking hats Cologne

Items

Shaving & toiletries

#### Children & Teens Gifts:

Calculators Radios

Christian books &
Music CDs

Electronic learning

games

Puzzle books Nerf Balls Frisbees

Dolls &play dishes

Sticker books Quiet games Family DVDs Stuffed animals Cars - Trucks

#### **General Gifts:**

Board Games Puzzle books Religious pictures

Soap Inexpensive Watches Art Supplies Hand lotion Deodorant Shampoo

Inexpensive radios

Tooth brushes Christian books & Music CDs Tooth paste

School supplies Gift certificates

Swings and walkers for babys, Newborn-toddlers clothing. Your gift will make it possible for others to receive gifts. Thanks!



#### SILOAH'S BELIEFS ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### The Lord's Supper is:

- a gift which Christ our Lord has given to His Church.
- a tangible form of the Gospel that forgives us our sins.
- a Sacrament that expresses the full extent of Christ's love for HIs Church.
- an expression of unity and oneness in faith and doctrine.

#### The Lord's Supper is not:

- open to anyone and everyone.
- open to unbelievers or those who reject Jesus as the eternal Son of God.
- open to those who disagree with the doctrine and teachings of Siloah and the Wisconsin Synod.
- open to anyone who holds membership in a church that is not in fellowship with Siloah.

#### Scripture plainly says:

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body. For we all partake of that one bread."

-1 Corinthians 10:16,17

There must be unity and agreement before there is participation in the body and blood of Christ.

"Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of The Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of The Lord. But let a person examine her/himself, and so let her/him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For whoever eats and drinks in an unworthy manner, eats and drinks judgment to her/himself, not discerning The Lord's body."

-1 Corinthians 11:27-29

The Lord's Supper is intended to bless us, but if received "in an unworthy manner," it may harm us.

Out of love and respect for our Lord Jesus, instruction is given before we receive the Sacrament. All Siloah Partners have been instructed in The Lord's Supper and hold to the beliefs printed above. If you are not a member of Siloah, neither a member of a Wisconsin Synod church nor a member of a congregation in fellowship with WELS, we gently ask that you refrain from receiving the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

Remember the reception of The Lord's Supper does not make us Christians, nor does not receiving the Sacrament make us unbelievers. There will be people in Heaven from all different Christian church-denominations. For Jesus tells us in Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved." In Heaven there will be no need for church-denominations, for everyone will be united in love and understanding of God's good and perfect will.

However, here, in this fallen world, plagued with sin, corruption and misunderstanding, there are church-denominations. Wherever a person pledges membership is their public proclamation of what they believe.

If you have further questions concerning Siloah's practice toward The Lord's Supper, or would like to learn more about becoming a member of Siloah, please speak with one of the Elders, or set up a private meeting with Siloah's Pastor during the week.