

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 21, 2006 7:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

St. John's Lutheran, Fourteen Holy Helpers, First Presbyterian

PIANO & ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

- Rev. Debra Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord speaks and nature springs to life.

People: We thank you, O Lord, for your gift of beauty.

Leader: The Lord speaks and prophets denounce injustice.

People: We thank you, O Lord, for your gift of conscience.

Leader: The Lord speaks and people perform acts of grace.

People: We thank you, O Lord, for your gift of neighbors.

All: Let us thank God for all creatures here below. Let us thank
God from whom all blessings flow. Let us worship God!

♪ ♪ *HYMN 559 *We Gather Together*

CALL TO CONFESSION

-Craig Wright

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

O God, to whom all flesh can come and find acceptance, we bring our unfaithfulness, seeking to renew our awareness of you in every moment of every day. We confess our deeds of iniquity: our forgetfulness of your love, our unkindness to your children, our misuse of the bodies and minds you entrust to us. Despite your generosity, we have sowed sparingly for the sake of others. O God, we need your forgiveness. Awaken our thankfulness as we learn to fully appreciate all you have provided. Amen.

*All who are able may stand

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE** 579 *Gloria Patri*

♪ ♪ (all singing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

ANTHEM *Festive Praise*

-Pote

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

-Karen Rothenberger

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this evening. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

-Karen Rothenberger

Colossians 3:12-17

-Rev. Joseph Rogliano

SERMON

-Rev. Joseph Rogliano

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 554 *Let All Things Now Living*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

-Rev. John Klatt

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For the Church into which we have been called; for the Good News we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

People: We praise you, God.

Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

People: We praise you, God.

Leader: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; for the joy of serving him;

People: We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

-Rev. John Klatt

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

-Rev. Debra Wright

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Gather Together

-Helvey

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

-Rev. Debra Wright

God, the gifts we bring are a response to your love. Because we know you and trust your working in us, we come with confidence to make our offering. Accept these our gifts as a sign of our joyful living in you. Amen.



***HYMN**

555 *Now Thank We All Our God*

***BENEDICTION**

-Rev. Joseph Rogliano

PIANO & ORGAN POSTLUDE

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Pastors:	The Rev. Joseph Rogliano, Fourteen Holy Helpers RC Church The Rev. John Klatt, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church The Rev. Debra Wright, First Presbyterian Church	
Readers:	Karen Rothenberger Craig Wright	St. John's Lutheran First Presbyterian
Greeters:	Marie Ramey & Arline Semlitsch Muriel Whiledon	St. John's Lutheran First Presbyterian
Ushers:	Harvey Borchert & Roger McGill George Shaffer & Shaun Wilson	St. John's Lutheran First Presbyterian
Organist:	Sue Maciejewski	
Pianist:	Wendy Warren	

We welcome members from St. John's Lutheran and Fourteen Holy Helpers tonight and invite you all to join us for refreshments and fellowship in Lischer Hall after worship.

We welcome the combined choirs from the three churches and thank them for their time and talents.

The monetary and canned goods offering collected this evening will be donated to the West Seneca Food Pantry.