

## BUT ONE PRAYER

Echoing the sentiments of Isaiah 12, Meister Eckhart (1260–1328), the medieval German mystic and preacher, once said, “If you can but utter one prayer, let it be ‘Thank you.’” A spirit of thanksgiving turns us back to God. Gratitude acknowledges life as a gift and helps us live with trust in and faithfulness to a giving God. In corporate worship, our time of offering carries the spirit of our thanks. The giving of our resources serves a variety of practical needs in our congregation and world, but it also anchors all of our worship in our gratitude to God as Giver. Yes, let us echo the prophet Isaiah and “give thanks to the Lord.” May we affirm as individuals and as a faith community the centrality of thanksgiving to all we are and all we do.

### OFFERTORY AFFIRMATION (*in unison*)

O Gracious God,  
You whose nature it is to move with mercy,  
We thank you for  
    the abundance we’ve known,  
    the love we’ve shared,  
        the forgiveness we’ve encountered and embodied,  
        and all the words we’ve waited on  
            that have carried us again and again  
                to you.

Make of all our giving an offering  
that sings praise to you  
and becomes your grace in our community and world.  
In the name of the One who focused your mercy  
and inspires our gratitude,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

—Glenn Mitchell  
Spring Mills, Pennsylvania

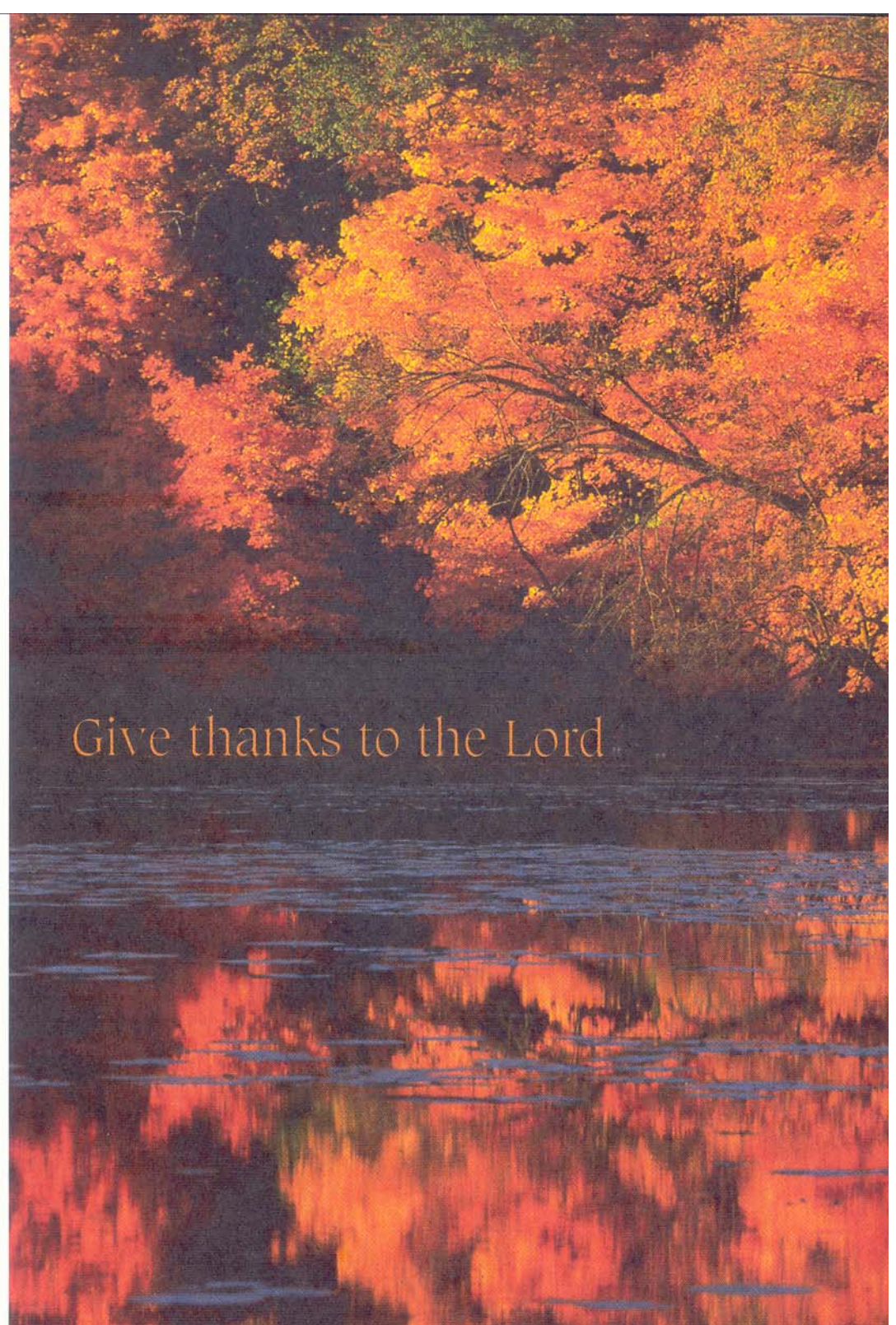
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### Text for Today

### Isaiah 12 (4)

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: **Give thanks to the LORD**, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 11307



Give thanks to the Lord



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 November 25, 2007  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



**NOTE:** The blue and spiral hymnals will be used today.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

\* PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP #856 (responsive reading)

\* GATHERING HYMN #7 *We Have Come Into His House* (spiral)

\*INVOCATION #677 (in unison)

PRAISE HYMN #5 *Majesty* (spiral)

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)  
 "Thanksgiving List"

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN #384 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (vs 1,2,5 - blue)  
 (Sing during collection of offering)

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #150 *How Long Has It Been?* (spiral)

PASTORAL PRAYER Pray For: Froid, MT Big Sky Church  
 Praying For Us: Council Bluffs, IA Peace Church

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:11-20

MESSAGE "In Christ All Things Hold Together"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #106 *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* (blue)

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue)

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Nov. 25:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Rev. David Loveall
Music	Donna Brinkman
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Donna Brinkman
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Dec. 2:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Mabel Lokken
Music Ministry	Village Choir
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Ann Evans
Linda Beal	
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Living Peace Church, Sioux City

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for November

### *Birthdays*

06 - Scott Peterson  
13 - Jo Rolston  
15 - Harriet Rolston  
28 - Gregory Harder

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## Church Events

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Rev. David Loveall this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to worship; depart to serve!

### **Adult Sunday School**

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "To Stay or To Go?" from Judges 6:1-40. We welcome your attendance and participation!

## Community Events

**Dec. 3** - The Sheldon Recreational Trails Committee is sponsoring a Belgian Waffle Supper from 5-7 p.m. in the Sheldon Community Services Center. Cost is \$6 per person. Children ages 5 and younger are free.

**Dec. 16** - This is the sign-up deadline for the 2008 Women of Faith Conference. Ladies, see the bulletin board for further details.

## Guest Speakers

Dec. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)  
Dec. 9 - Don Adkins  
Dec. 16 - Christmas Program  
Dec. 23 - Pete Aberson  
Dec. 30 - Rev. David Loveall  
Jan. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)  
Jan. 13 - Pete Aberson  
Jan. 20 -  
Jan. 27 - Don Adkins  
Feb. 3 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..."  
is the spirit behind providing to those  
who need it.



## Kinship

The program is designed to match  
adults with children ages 5 to 18 to fos-  
ter a mentoring atmosphere.

## 2007 CHURCH OFFICERS

**Moderator**  
Linda Adams

**Deacon**  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

**Church Facility Trustee**  
Scott Maggert

**Clerk**  
Jo Rolston

**Farm Trustee**  
Ross Cox

**Ministerial Committee**  
Marcene Cox  
Ross Cox  
Steve Dagal  
Rhelma Evans  
Jo Rolston

**Nominating Committee**  
Linda Adams  
Alan Cox  
Steve Dagal

**Parsonage Committee**  
Ann Maggert

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . .9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

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Christ's Cupboard:  
[www.christcupboard.org](http://www.christcupboard.org)

Kinship Community, Inc:  
[www.kcimentors.org](http://www.kcimentors.org)

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Jo Rolston

**Treasurer**  
Sandi Cox

**Ushers**  
Mark Bilsland  
Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert