

# Thanksgiving Eve and Day

November 25 & 26, 2020

6:30 p.m & 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

A Day of National Thanksgiving is an honored tradition in this nation. But thankfulness to God is something that transcends national borders and the boundaries of time. God's people are always thankful people, for they know what great things He has done and continues to do for them. In Martin Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Creed, he states that in response to God's great gifts, it is the Christian's "duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Our worship is one way through which we carry out that joyful duty.

## PRELUDE

Variations on "We Praise You, O God (and Simple Gifts)"

## WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN

892    *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*'' (sung by quartet)

- 1        *Come, ye thankful people, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.*
- 2        *All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*
- 3        *For the Lord, our God, shall come  
And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.*

4      *Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

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*Please stand*

## **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 95:1–2; 100:4–5; 147:1, 7*

**Leader:**      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**Leader:**      Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:**      **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

**Leader:**      Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People:**      **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!**

**Leader:**      Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People:**      **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have often done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not always lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we live faithfully and with full thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.**

Leader: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

790 Praise to the Lord the Almighty (vv. 1, 2, 5) (sung by quartet)

- 1 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!*
- 2 *Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?*
- 5 *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show us mercy every morning and provide for every need of body and soul. Grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may in faith acknowledge Your merciful goodness to us, giving thanks for all that You provide, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*(A call to remember the goodness of the Lord)*

<sup>1</sup> Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. <sup>2</sup> Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land--a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup> a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,  
People: **that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.  
People: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.  
People: **Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

Leader: God will bless us,  
People: **and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

## EPISTLE

Philippians 4:6–20

*(Doing everything with thanksgiving to God)*

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

*(One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus.)*

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

<sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.



<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+ + + Special Intercessions + + +**

**Each concluding:** Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

### PEACE OF THE LORD

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.*

*Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.*

*The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.*

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## ANTHEM

“Celtic Laud”

Craig Courtney

*For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,  
For bread and for wine, the gift of Your feast,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

*For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,  
For coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

*For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,  
For every new birth, for grace and for life,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

## SILENT PRAYER

*You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:*

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

895 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.
  
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!
  
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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## POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

S. Karg-Elert

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Theodore Laesch

Liturgist: Ellory Glenn

Singers: 6:30 p.m. Meagan Purcell, Denise Koch  
John Schmidt, Mark Petersen  
9:30 a.m. Lynda Christian, Kathy Glenn  
Ellory Glenn, Mark Petersen

Instrumentalists: Jen Schmidt, flute  
Meagan Purcell, violin  
Nate Laesch, trumpet  
Zeke Laesch, French Horn  
Jake Laesch, Euphonium

Organist & Accompanist: Ryan Meyer