

Thanksgiving Eve and Day

November 24 & 25, 2021

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

A PRAYER FOR AS WE GATHER

Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good! Lord Jesus, this is what You have called us to. All our life and living is to be one of worship and praise. This day we would especially praise You with hymns and Psalms and offerings. Lord Jesus, accept our praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim Your love and salvation to one another and to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. by Robert J. Powell

arr. by Jay Althouse

WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

ENTRANCE HYMN

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 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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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30, 33

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: **These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**

Pastor: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

People: **when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

Pastor: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

People: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

- 4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

- 5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, You provide us all we need for our bodies and lives. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit to see and be thankful for all of the blessings You give us, thanking You with our lips and our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

(A call to remember the goodness of the Lord)

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

⁶ Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. ⁷ 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; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ 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.

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: God will bless us,

People: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-4

(Give thanks for all.)

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

6:30 p.m. “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.*

9:30 a.m. “Sing Unto the Lord” G. F. Handel, arr. by Carl Fredrickson

*Sing unto the Lord, all ye nations; sing His praises among all people.
Let all the earth be joyful, and praise His name with singing, for great is our Lord.
Sing unto Him with thanksgiving; sing unto God with joy.
O sing unto the Lord; say unto all the nations that the Lord God is merciful,
And ruleth the world with righteousness.*

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Pastor: 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.)

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration.**

Choir:

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee;
Health hath vouch-safed, and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.**

Choir:

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.*
- 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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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.

OFFERING

“Come with Thanksgiving”

arr. by Lloyd Larson

THANKSGIVING PRAYER (Congregation sings stanzas in bold)

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, You are the source of every blessing. You know all of our needs and give them to us out of goodness and mercy. With thankful hearts we reflect on Your blessings. Hear our praise and accept our thanks.

For blessings of family and friends . . .

For brothers and sisters in Christ who share in our joys and sorrows . . .

For food and shelter . . .

For our nation and its leaders . . .

For freedom to worship You . . .

For our homes and schools, for our children and youth . . .

For our church and the whole Christian Church on earth . . .

For faithful pastors, teachers, and church workers . . .

(Moment of silent thanks)

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**

Pastor: Dear Lord, for all Your earthly physical blessings we are grateful. But Your blessings extend beyond our physical lives. For the spiritual blessings You pour out we give thanks . . .

For new life in the waters of baptism . . .

For daily forgiveness and unconditional love . . .

For working all things together for Your glory . . .

For Your Word of truth keeping us in the faith and revealing Your ways . . .

Hear our humble words of thanks.

(Moment of silent thanks)

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**

Pastor: Dear Lord, too often we take Your blessings for granted. We get used to the abundance of our nation and let blessings become expectations. Forgive us and give us grateful hearts. May Your Word come to us new each day. Give us Your Spirit of wisdom and revelation so we may know You better. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so we may see Your presence in our lives. And keep us grounded in the faith so that in the end, we may feast with You in life everlasting. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silent thanks)

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

✠ 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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Lord God, creator of all things, we humbly bow before You in thankfulness for Your mercy to us. As Your redeemed people, we know we are unworthy of Your gracious gifts, but here in this Sacrament You abundantly provide for our need of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We glorify Your holy name and sing Your praises for You are our God, and You have redeemed us through the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels of heaven, the saints gathered around Your throne and all those who confess You upon the earth, we proclaim You to be our God, holy and true.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, hear us as we pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

People: **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.**

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.**

A “continuous communion table” will be the method of distribution this day. Communicants will come forward down the center aisle at the direction of the usher. You will receive the wafer from the pastor at the center and then proceed to the right or left (depending on which side of the church you are sitting) to receive the wine. You will then return to your pew. As is our custom, communion will be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking to the chancel. If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle. Also young children will receive a word of blessing.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

785 We Praise You, O God

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.

- 2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.

- 3 Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

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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	
Acolytes:	6:30 p.m.	Jonah Meyer
	9:30 a.m.	Zoe Laesch
Choirs:	6:30 p.m.	Meagan Purcell, Allison Meyer John Schmidt, Ted Laesch
	9:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
Instrumentalists:	6:30 p.m.	Ted Laesch, trumpet Nate Laesch, trumpet Jen Schmidt, flute Meagan Purcell, violin
	9:30 a.m.	Ted Laesch, trumpet Nate Laesch, trumpet Carolyn Rusnak, flute Lynda Christian, oboe
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	