

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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inviting all to faith-filled worship, challenging all to grow in faith,
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Thanksgiving Eve 6:30 p.m. November 24, 2021

PRELUDE *His Love Comes Through; Andante; Now Thank We All Our God*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

THANKSGIVING LITANY IN PSALM AND SONG

Hymn #840

Pastor: To all God's beloved, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: **O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!** (Psalm 95:1-2)

P: Let us sing:

[sing] *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 mother's arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

P: How shall we give thanks to the Lord?

C: **I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.** (Psalm 60:30)

P: Let us sing:

[sing] *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 harm in this world and the next.*

P: Let us lift our voices in a thanksgiving that brings honor to the Lord.

C: **Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me. They prepare the way so that I may show to them the salvation of God.** (Psalm 50:23)

P: Let us sing:

[sing] *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.*

P: Let us pray:

C: **Almighty God our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your blessings, and serve You in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING LESSONS

2 Chronicles 5:12-13 *Thanksgiving in the Temple*

¹² All the levitical singers, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred twenty priests who were trumpeters. ¹³ It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

Ephesians 5:19-20 *Let thanksgiving be your way of life and worship*

¹⁹ Speak to each other with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. ²⁰ Always give thanks to God the Father for everything. Give thanks to him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 10:12-13 *Contentment in the Lord despite the circumstances*

¹² 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. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

***ACCLAMATION**

Give Thanks

W&P #41

**indicates when congregation stands*

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am
 rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am
 rich,” be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25–33

Jesus calms the storms of our anxiety. Rest easy in God’s care, trust, and give thanks.

[Jesus said] ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***HYMN**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

#763



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: With praise and thanksgiving. **C: Thanks be to God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

#679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh
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SENDING

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Coronation

