

*“O give thanks unto the LORD,
for He is Good:
for His Mercy endureth forever.*

Psalm 107:1



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
25th November Anno Domini 2020
7:00 pm

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Worship Service
(November 25, 2020)

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“REACHING, TEACHING, AND LIVING WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST”

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| <p>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class</p> | <p><u>BEFORE GOING TO COMMUNION</u></p> <p>The <i>Eucharist</i> is one of the names for the LORD's Supper, and it means "Thanksgiving". There is every reason to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving as the exalted LORD comes to us with His Body and Blood for our forgiveness! Jesus also gives us reason to live by every Word that God speaks. The Bible bears witness to unity in faith (doctrine) by those communing together. A further description of our communion policy can be found at the bottom of page 6 in this bulletin. We ask <u>guests</u> desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care.</p> |
| <p>LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available at the Usher's Cabinet</p> | |
| <p>ALL WORSHIPERS MAY PICK UP AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK FROM THE BULLETIN STANDS OUTSIDE IN THE NARTHEX</p> | |

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

AS WE GATHER

We have come tonight to sing "*songs of thankfulness and praise*" [LSB: 394] at the invitation of our God and as citizens of our country. It is a great tradition that all citizens are urged to give thanks to God for His blessings of our nation. Yet how many feel gratitude or recognize these blessings, much less believe they come from God? Even we who call ourselves believers are tempted, more often than not, to fret over our troubles and problems, and maybe even to complain about them. If we think there is some secret to contentment, God's Word says you are right. That "secret" can be discovered only in Jesus Christ. Let us hear that Word so that we can respond with heartfelt thankfulness and praise.

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

"They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength, and had all things in good plenty; for as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercised in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All summer there was no want. And now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first, but afterward decreased by degrees. And besides water fowl, there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, and now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion. ---And thus they found the LORD to be with them in all their ways, and to bless their out-goings and incomings. . ."

(Governor William Bradford writes about the background for the Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621, their first fall in the New World.)

A Prayer: Dear Savior, how many blessings You have given me—this free land, my home and family, my health and strength and my Church and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ ! But even if I should lose them all, I still have You, my greatest blessing. Amen.



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN: “Come Ye Thankful People Come”..... (LSB: 892)

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.

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.

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.

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.

INVOCATION (Please stand)

Pastor (P): In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation (C): Amen.

- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
- C Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His Pasture.
- P Enter His Gates with thanksgiving, and His Courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!
- C For the LORD is Good; His Steadfast Love endures Forever, and His Faithfulness to all generations. Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Blessed are the poor in spirit,
C for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
- P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after Righteousness.
C For they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5: 3, 6)
- P Before we enter into God's Presence to give thanks to Him for all His Blessings, we confess our sins and our unworthiness. Then clothed with the Gift of His Forgiveness we may stand before Him to worship, adore, and give thanks to Him Whose Grace is lavish and abundant. Let us confess our sin in the Presence of God and of one another.
- P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to Everlasting Life. Amen.

C The Almighty and Merciful LORD grant you Pardon, Forgiveness and remission of all your sins. Amen.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The Almighty and Merciful LORD grant you Pardon, Forgiveness and remission of all your sins. In the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and for the Son Φ and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD; for He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers. (*Jeremiah 20:13*)

HYMN OF PRAISE: “For the Fruits of His Creation” (LSB: 894)

1.
For the fruits of His Creation, Thanks be to God.
For His Gifts to ev’ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

2.
In the just reward of labor, God’s Will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God’s Will is done. In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God’s Will is done.

3.
For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God. For the Good we all Inherit,
Thanks be to God. For the Wonders that astound us, For the Truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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, Φ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

C Amen. (*Please be seated*)

Φ SERVICE OF THE WORD Φ

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

(*Moses reminds the Israelites, in his farewell address, of God’s Faithfulness and Love, but also of God’s wrath on the previous generation of Israelites because of their disobedience*)

P “Be careful to follow every Command I have 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.”

C “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.”

P “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.”

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

P “Observe the Commands of the LORD your God, walking in His Ways and revering Him. 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; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 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.”

C “When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Before You, LORD, We Bow"* [LSB: 966]

1.

Before You, LORD, we bow, Our God Who Reigns
Above And Rules the world below,
Boundless in Pow'r and Love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

2.

The nation You have Blest May well Your Love
declare, From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your Care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.

3.

May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's Pure Light,
And its Rich Fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.

4.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your Great Redeemer own;
Believe, Obey, Rejoice,
And Worship Him Alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

5.

And when in Pow'r He Comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To Heav'n's High King Salvation's Song!

PSALM 67

P May God be Gracious to us and Bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

C that Your way be known on earth, Your Saving Power among all nations.

P Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

C Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You Judge the peoples with equity and Guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall Bless us.

P God shall Bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be Forever. Amen. May God be Gracious to us and cause His face to shine upon us.

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:6-20

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will Guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of Peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the LORD greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have

learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who Strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the Gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a

sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.
¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of
yours according to His Riches in Glory in

Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be
Glory Forever and Ever. Amen."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Give Thanks" [LSB: 806]

1.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's Given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the
poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the LORD has Done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.
(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19 (*Jesus gives healing to ten, but only one receives the Gift with Faith and knows its fullest blessing.*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.
C Glory to You, O LORD.

"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.'"

P This is the Gospel of the LORD. **C** Praise to You, O Christ. (Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (LSB: 785)

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!

SERMON: "Gratefully Thankful"

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Please stand)

P I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. What does this mean?
C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and
all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals,
and all I have. He Richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He
Defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of Fatherly, Divine Goodness and Mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P People loved by God, let us give to Him all thanks and praise this day as we say:

P ... O LORD our God,

C **blessed are You Forever.**

P for all people and for all things, O LORD, our God,

C **Blessed are You Forever. Amen.**

OFFERING (Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT ✠

A STATEMENT ON RECEIVING COMMUNION

At Cross of Christ Lutheran Church we invite everyone - both children and adults - to come forward during the Service of Holy Communion. For children and adults who will not be taking communion with us (see the statement below), you are invited to receive a blessing in the remembrance of our baptismal promise from God by crossing your arms across your chest.

"Closed Communion seeks to prevent a profession of confessional unity in faith where there is, in fact, disunity and disagreement. It would be neither faithful to the Scriptural requirements for admission to Holy Communion (I Corinthians 11:27ff; 10:16-17) nor helpful to fallen humanity if the Christian Church welcomes to its altars those who deny or question clear Scriptural teaching."

Lastly, but most importantly, according to the Scriptures the LORD's Supper is a meal of blessing or a meal of curse (I Corinthians 11:27-30). Therefore, there are only two ways by which this Meal is received: as a Blessing or a Curse. Proper instruction and personal examination should occur before receive this Meal of Blessing. To help the pastor care for the souls in our midst we kindly ask that guests would speak with the Pastor before the service if they desire to commune.

PREFACE (Please stand)

P The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the LORD.**

P Let us thank the LORD our God for all His gracious bounty.

C **It is certainly good and right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should... evermore praising You and saying:

C **(Sung) Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your Name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the LORD;
Truly blest is He Who comes in the name of the LORD.**

[LSB: 208]

P Blessed are You, LORD God, King of the universe, for in Your Mercy You delivered us from our bondage to sin and its death and restored us as Your children by baptism and faith. Daily and richly You supply us with all we need to sustain this life. We live our lives before You and nothing is hidden from Your sight. Build within us grateful hearts that we may receive all Your blessings in Christ and trust in them for eternal life. Give us Your Holy Spirit to lead us in the paths of faithfulness, righteousness, and gratitude all the days of our lives. To You, the author and giver of forgiveness, life, and salvation, to You be glory, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

P LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

C **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

P The peace of the LORD be with you. **C** Amen. *(Please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Praise and Thanksgiving" (LSB: 789)

1.
 Praise and thanksgiving,
 Father, we offer For all things living,
 Created good: Harvest of sown fields,
 Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown
 fields, Blossom and wood.

2.
 Bless, LORD, the labor We bring to serve You
 That with our neighbor We may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
 Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

3.
 Father, providing Food for Your Children, By Your Wise Guiding
 Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing
 With us, all others May know Your Care.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (LSB: 782)

1.
 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings New each
 morning all our days. For Your Mercies never
 ending, For Your Love we offer praise. *Refrain*

Refrain:
 LORD, we pray that we, Your People
 Who Your Gifts unnumbered claim,
 Through the sharing of Your Blessings
 May bring glory to Your Name.

2.
 By Your Word You Formed Creation
 Filled with creatures large and small;
 As we tend that endless Treasure
 May our care encircle all. *Refrain*

3.
 In His earthly Life, our Savior
 Knew the care of Faithful friends;
 May our deeds of dedication
 Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

4.
 Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your Grace;
 With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING


P Now may this Body and Blood of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in true faith
 until life everlasting,
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please stand)*

P We give You thanks, merciful Father, for the goodness revealed throughout Your
 whole creation and for the grace revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. You
 supply and sustain all living things, and You provide for all our needs of body and
 soul. Give us a bold and grateful faith that we may receive Your gifts with
 thanksgiving and use them faithfully. We pray especially that we may be made bold
 to share the good news of Jesus Christ that those around us may find new cause for
 joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our LORD.
C Amen.



BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, remain with you now and forever.
C Amen. *(Please be seated)*

CLOSING HYMN: "Sing to the LORD of Harvest" (LSB: 893)

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.

Advent - Christmas Schedule for 2020

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Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join us during this holiday season!



November 26 & 28, 2020
December 26-30, 2020
(Church Office and School Closed)

December 2, 2020 – Mid-Week Advent Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
December 9, 2020 – Mid-Week Advent Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
December 16, 2020 – Mid-Week Advent Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
December 23, 2020 – Mid-Week Advent Worship Service 7:00 p.m.



December 24, 2020

Candlelight Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.
December 25, 2019
(Church Office & School Closed the 24th thru 29th)

Christmas Day Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

December 31, 2020

New Years Eve Worship Service -7:00 p.m.



*Pick up your (and your family's)
Advent Devotionals
at the Usher stand in the Narthex.*



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