



As the church year draws to a close, the scripture readings remind us of the end of this sinful earth and of the end of our lives. Our lasting treasure is not here, but with Christ in His eternal kingdom! The Lord’s Supper, which Christ has given to His church on earth, is a foretaste of that heavenly banquet. As it is received today, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder before the service. In Joyful obedience to the Scriptures, we practice close communion. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

THANKSGIVING EVE

"We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word"

November 22, 2023

AS WE GATHER: The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth’s bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God’s almighty care. But “*man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord*” (Deut. 8:1-10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word which proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health, and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word, “*Go show yourselves to the priests*” (Luke 17:11-19). Of the ten cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to “*rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.*” So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by Baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6-20).

DIVINE SERVICE III

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: LSB 892
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*Confession/Absolution: LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Collect of the Day:
Pastor: Almighty God,
People: Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lessons for the Day: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Pew Bible Page 287
1 Timothy 2:1-4 Pew Bible Page 1846
Luke 17:11-19 Pew Bible Page 1627

*Nicene Creed: LSB 191

Sermon Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895

Sermon

Offertory: “Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB 789

*Prayer of the Church
Response:
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

*Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction
This concludes the service for online viewing

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
Distribution for Communicant Members LSB 194ff

Distribution Hymns:
“We Praise You, O God” LSB 785

*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 199

*Thanksgiving: LSB 200

*Benediction: LSB 202

Closing Hymn: LSB 886
“The Day Thou Gavest” Choir v. 1-4; Congregation v. 5

Organ Postlude

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

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