

"Our mission is to bring all people to faith in God through the Good News of Jesus Christ and develop that faith through active fellowship"

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

23 November 2023, 10:15 am

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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and GREETING

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Voices Raised to You We Offer"

LSB 795

- 1 Voices raised to You we offer;
 Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
 Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
 For Your gifts through all our days.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!
- 2 All creation joins to praise You;
 Earth and sky Your works display.
 Art and music, gifts You lend us,
 We return to You today.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 God, Creator, source of life!
- 3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
 Touching earth with heaven's grace,
 For Your living, suff'ring, dying,

For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

4 Spirit, flaming through creation,
Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus;
Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

5 How can any praise we offer
Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—
Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!

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Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

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

P Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

G Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

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

G For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- P** As we gather in this land on Thanksgiving, we confess to God how we struggle to be thankful with our thoughts, words, and actions.

† *In silent prayer, we bring our sins to the foot of the cross.*

- P** With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God's good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God's re-creating word of forgiveness.
- C** **We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. And like the nine lepers, we fail to thank You as we should.**
- P** Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, declare to you His forgiveness. Therefore, by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

"How Can I Thank You, Lord"

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- 1 How can I thank You, Lord,
For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently
Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins
And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God,
Your anger ev'ry day.

- 2 It is Your work alone
That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me
You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace
That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart
Into a heart newborn.
- 3 Lord, You have raised me up
To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way
That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away;
For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul
All evil I abhor.
- 4 Grant that Your Spirit's help
To me be always given
Lest I should fall again
And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength
In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart
To serve You willingly.
- 5 O Father, God of love,
Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God,
Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be
My ever-faithful guide
That I may serve You here
And there with You abide.

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with thankful hearts receive Your great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1–10

Remember the LORD Your God

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you

to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 67

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,*

**that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

*God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-18, 19-20

Walk in Love

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit . . . addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

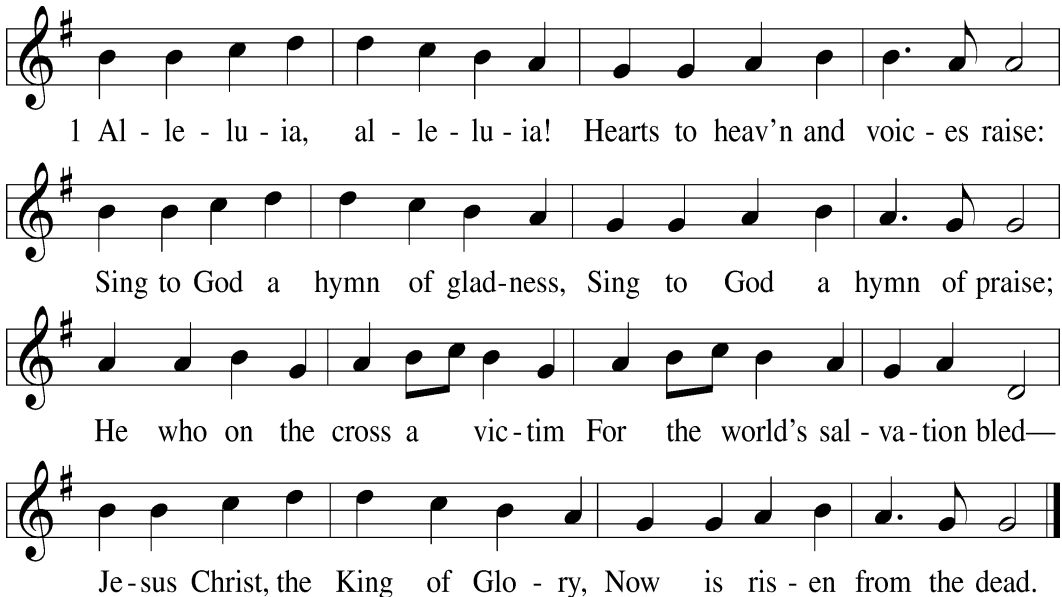
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA VERSE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—

Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic” meaning whole
Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“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.

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SERMON

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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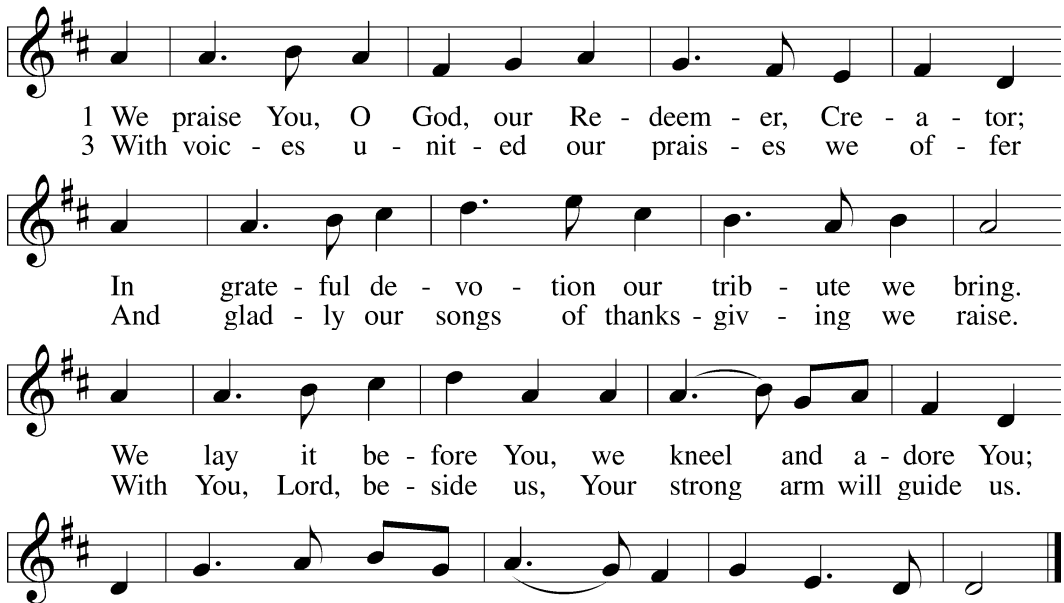
Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God’s people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD’S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, “Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked “I Bring An Offering To The Lord” sitting on the table next to the usher’s station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

"We Praise You, O God"

LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray to the Lord with thanksgiving for all His blessings and with trust in His mercy to hear and answer us.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. With grateful hearts abounding in thanksgiving, we praise You, O Lord, for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died upon Calvary's cross to destroy the power of our sin and is risen from the dead to open for us the way to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises we are bold 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

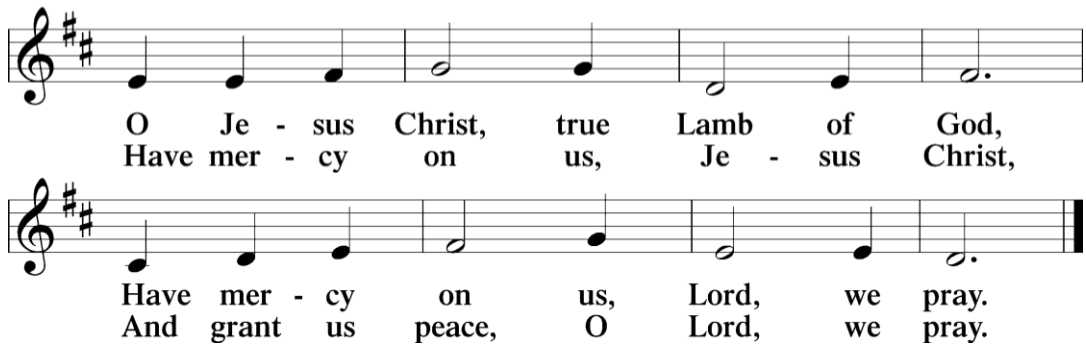
Please be seated.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
 I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
 I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
 I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me
 through this Holy Supper.
 I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
 I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
 Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God
 From His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended
 The fruits of this service
 In all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching,
 Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action

For God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom
and answer His call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday
Life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children
Of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life
That we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ
And His name that we bear.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give us hearts filled with thankfulness to You for all of Your mercies to be shown forth in our days and years. Direct our lives so that we share with others the many blessings we have received from You. Keep us steadfast and faithful until at last we complete our earthly pilgrimage and come to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

[Psalm 103:1]; Numbers 6:24-26

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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 His peace, which the
world cannot give.

C Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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- 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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