

Order of Worship
Thanksgiving Eve
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*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name! Ps. 100:4*

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ 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.**
- 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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Stand

- ♪ P** O Lord, open my lips,
♪ C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

♪P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
♪C make haste to help me, O Lord.
♪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.
 Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody *Psalm 100:1–5*

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
C **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**
P Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
C **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
C **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
P For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
C **and his faithfulness to all generations.**
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.

Sit

♪Office Hymn: “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.

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹“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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Epistle

Philippians 4:6–20

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

♪Sermon Hymn: “We Praise You, O God”

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!**

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Sermon “It’s All About Memory” Deut. 8:1-10

Pastor Lilienkamp

Stand

♪Response Hymn: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

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.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
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.
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
Give thanks, give thanks.**

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♪Kyrie

LSB 233

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

☐ Almighty God, 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,

☐ Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

LSB 233

☐ 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.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 234

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

♪Closing Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB 895

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!

Δ3 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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NEWS AND NOTES

HOLIDAY HAM SALES have been a tradition in our church around the holidays. Sales began with a delivery date of Wednesday, December 13th. The 8-10 pound fully cooked spiral cut ham will be \$35 each. We are excited for another year of selling and thank you for your support of our Youth Group (7th-12th Grade). More details to come.

CHRISTMAS CHRISMONS: Please leave your finished ornaments in the church office by December 1st. If you need more supplies, contact Karen Schardt @402-369-3422.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Thank you to all who have donated food and other needed items during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations will be given to the Wayne Food Pantry. The Wayne Food Pantry is housed at First Presbyterian Church and provides food assistance to residents of Wayne County. Thank you also to our Altar Guild for their help in assembling our display.

Give Thanks
TO
THE *Lord*
for **He is Good;**
His love endures
FOREVER
Psalm 107:1

POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in adorning the chancel for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia, please complete the following and return it with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than December 3rd.

Name of Donor: _____

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

The cost is \$7.50 per poinsettia. Please make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Altar Guild."

*You may pick up your plant after the Christmas Day Service.
(Poinsettias not picked up will be disposed of.)*



Thank you!

