

# Day of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.



## Welcome!

### To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?  
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special  
gift for visiting with us today!

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home;  
All is 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 the 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.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

**People:** Praise befits the upright.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

**People:** make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Pastor: Sing to him a new song;

**People:** play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Pastor: For the word of the Lord is upright,  
**People: and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice;  
**People: the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

Pastor: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
**People: and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

Pastor: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;  
**People: he puts the deeps in storehouses.**

Pastor: Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
**People: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

Pastor: For he spoke, and it came to be;  
**People: he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Pastor: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
**People: he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

Pastor: The counsel of the Lord stands forever,  
**People: the plans of his heart to all generations.**

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
**People: the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

## Hymn of Praise

## 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;  
Thro' life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles 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.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: O God of all graciousness, you have poured out blessing upon blessing upon us, yet we in our sinfulness have not always been generous back to you in how we have lived. Instead of being grateful, we have been greedy.

**People: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Instead of being righteous, we have been rebellious.

**People: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Instead of being loving, we have been angry.

**People: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Instead of being content, we have been jealous.

**People: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Instead of being kind, we have been hurtful.

**People: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Instead of being joyful, we have been judgmental.

**People: Forgive us and free from all our disobedience.**

**Pastor:** Give thanks for this good news: your sins are forgiven and you are granted a fresh start. The patterns of your old sinful selves have been replaced by the wonderful ways of Christ, who died yet was raised so that we might live in love for him in joyful response to all he has done.

**People:** **We thank you for your forgiveness, O Christ. We sing our praises to you for restoring us. Amen.**

**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 blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills of 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 heav'n and earth adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you have shown us bounty beyond our imagination. Let our gratitude toward you well up from within us and pour out into all that we say and do. Out of the richness of your love, you have kept us fed and well-nourished, clothed and well-protected. strengthened and supported. May our devotion to you be a testament to your care for us and may others see the beauty of your generosity revealed in and through us. Instill in us a desire to continue to give you praise and glory for the many people, places and things that bring us joy.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

## Exodus 15:1-21

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a 20 TABDD stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The Lord will reign forever and ever.” For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

## Luke 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples

began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Sermon Hymn Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good LSB 819**

1. Sing praise to God, the highest good, the author of creation,  
The God of love who understood our need for his salvation.  
With healing balm our souls he fills and ev’ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!
2. What God’s almighty pow’r has made, in mercy he is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of his might all things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!
3. We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!
4. He never shall forsake his flock, his chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother’s tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!
5. All who confess Christ’s holy name, give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his pow’r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne, for God is God, and he alone:  
To God all praise and glory!



## **Sermon      In Thankfulness and Praise**

### **Offering**

### **Prayers**

Pastor:      O God of the earth and of the universe, you created each of us in your image. Mold us and shape us into the people you would have us be for you. Move our hands and feet to serve you wholeheartedly. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear what you are doing in our lives, and guide our lips to proclaim your goodness to all the world. In thankfulness and praise,

**People:      we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

Pastor:      O God our Father, you sent your Son into the world to become one of us and save us from sin, death and the devil. Let your forgiveness flow through us and flow out from us to others. Strengthen us to resist all temptation and fill us with the hope we have in you for the life yet to come. In everything may our lives be thank offerings to you. In thankfulness and praise,

**People:      we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

Pastor:      Great God, who sent the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of Jesus to every nation and land, energize us to witness for you. Inspire us to share the salvation story of your Son to people far and near. Stir up inside of us the desire to grow in our faith and remain in our faith in you that we might draw closer to you. In thankfulness and praise,

**People:      we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

Pastor:      Healing Lord, bless those who are suffering in body, soul and mind that they may find relief from their pain. Comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and be present with all those who are hospitalized or home-bound. Grant peace to them all and bring recovery, according to your will. In thankfulness and praise,

**People:      we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Generous God, as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, help us to remember all the gifts you provide for us every day of the year. Fill us with gratitude in our hearts for the love of family and friends, the protection of clothing and shelter, and the abundance of food and drink that we enjoy. Grant safe travels to those who are journeying to be with loved ones and bless all gatherings with joy in you and in one another. In thankfulness and praise,

**People: we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: In every prayer we pray to you, we thank you for listening, we love you for caring and we trust you to answer us. Let us keep holding fast to you. In thankfulness and praise,

**People: we lift our prayers to you, O Lord. Amen.**

## **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**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

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C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymn**

**O Lord We Praise Thee**

**LSB 617**

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

3      May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
    O Lord, have mercy!

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**Pastor:**      Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, that You have freely given to us the blessing of Your Son's body and blood. As we go forth from Your Table to share in Your many blessings in our own homes and on our own tables, help us to abound in thanksgiving and love all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**      **Amen.**

### **Benediction** (from Philippians 4:8)

**Pastor:**      Finally, 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. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

**People:**      All thanks and praise to God! Amen.

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God He will remain.  
He helps His children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!