



Wednesday, November 24, 2021

7:00 PM



(Hymns are from *The Celebration Hymnal*)

PRELUDE "All Through the Night"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

RESPONSIVE READING

P: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

C: and you who have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

P: Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

C: Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

P: Give ear and come to me;

C: hear me, that your soul may live.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever."

P: We are gathered together in the name of our God.

C: God the Father who has created us and still preserves us; God the Son who has given us victory over sin and death; and God the Holy Spirit who brought us to faith and sets us aside for service.

P: We are gathered together this evening

C: to remember the goodness of our Lord and to give him our praise.

A: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "We Gather Together" #790 vs. 1&3

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O God, our Father, You have shown us how we were created to live in the commandments You gave through Moses and in the holy life of our Lord Jesus Christ. We confess with shame how slow we are to learn the wisdom of Your Word and our failure to follow Christ.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: For the sake of Your Son Jesus, forgive us all that distracts us from worship, our neglect of the fellowship of Your Table, our faltering witness for Christ, our failure to love and serve our neighbor, and how we have squandered Your gifts and blessings.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Because Jesus died for us, forgive us for taking Your love and failing to love others as You have loved us, for our quickness to judge and condemn others, and our slowness to forgive as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sinful and unclean. We cannot free ourselves from the bondage sin has created and from the lies that compete for Your truth.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord; according to Your steadfast mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us clean from our sin and its guilt and make us new through forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His atoning death, He has forgiven our sins and made us whole again. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors 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. 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. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into 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. 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 “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” #797 vs. 1&2

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

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. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs

once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#793 vs. 1&5

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

RESPONSIVE READING

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

C: **that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

P: If God is for us, who can be against us?

C: **He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

P: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;

C: **the old has gone, the new has come!**

P: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

C: **that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**

P: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

C: **"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"**

P: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 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.**

THE NICENE CREED

A: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the

Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MEDITATION

“Why Christians Give Thanks”

VOLUNTARY

“O Give Thanks”

De Stuckwisch,
Bunny Doebling, Leslie Schultz

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance “Green Card,” located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE USE OF GOD’S GIFTS

- P:** O Lord, your bounties are so many and so wonderful that we can barely begin to count them. Even though we do not deserve your love and care, you still give us an abundance of good things.
- C:** **Lord, help us to use your gifts wisely, not abusing them or taking them for granted, but by being good stewards. May we use them for your glory and our neighbor’s good.**
- P:** There are many who are not so fortunate. We remember before you those who haven’t even the barest necessities of life, those whose depression prevents them from using and enjoying your goodness, those who are ill and suffering, those who are powerless to defend themselves from oppression, those who do not enjoy even the basic freedoms we take for granted, and above all, those who do not yet call upon your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Make us happy servants, channels of your love to those we know and to those we do not know. Make us great**

witnesses, giving testimony to the Gospel in word and in deed.

P: We offer our hearts in gratitude for the blessings we have and for those to come.

C: **Bless our fellowship the rest of this day with family and friends. Make it a day to remember! In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

A: Amen.

***** SACRAMENT *****

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: **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.**

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THE BENEDICTION

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 you peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

A: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” #788 vs. 1&3

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way,
 With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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.

POSTLUDE “All Creatures of Our God and King”



Advent Services

Wednesday, December 1st at 7 PM

Wednesday, December 8th at 7 PM

Wednesday, December 22nd at 7 PM

Children's Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 15th at 7 PM

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

Contemporary Candlelight Communion service @ 5 PM

Traditional Candlelight Communion service @ 7 PM

Traditional Candlelight Communion service @ 11 PM

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

Communion Service @ 10 AM

No Saturday Evening Service on December 25th

Sunday, December 26th - 10:00 am ONLY

Service of Lessons & Carols

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st

Communion Service @ 7 PM