

***THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL WORSHIP
November 22, 2023
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Huron, South Dakota***

Pre Service Music

Opening Hymn # 892 - Come, You Thankful People, Come

- 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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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

P: Let us confess our sins unto God our Father.

C: Merciful Father, we come before You confessing our sinfulness, both in what we have done and what we have failed to do. We have often taken Your mercies and Your blessings of body and soul for granted. We have often failed to live as Your thankful people. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. Guard us against shallow thankfulness, and lead us to serve You with joy and thanksgiving all the days of our lives. Amen.

P: Our merciful Father has given His Son Jesus Christ to die for the forgiveness of all your sins!
As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name
of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go, therefore, and serve the Lord in joy
and with thanksgiving.

C: Amen.

The Psalmody

Psalm 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us;

C: And make His face shine upon us,

P: So that Your ways may be known on earth,

C: And Your salvation among all nations.

P: May the peoples praise You, O God:

C: May all the peoples praise You!

P: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: For You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

P: May the peoples praise You, O God;

C: May all the peoples praise You!

P: Then the land will yield its harvest

C: And God, our God, will bless us.

P: God will bless us,

C: And all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

A: 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.

The Hymn of Praise (*Be seated*) # 785 - We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

- 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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The Collect for Thanksgiving *(Remain seated)*

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are new to us every morning, and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament: 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 that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to 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 fathers 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 his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land--a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in 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.

Epistle: Philippians 4:6-20

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that

I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. Prior to the Gospel:)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

Children's Sermon

The Sermon Hymn (*Be seated*) # 894 – For the Fruits of His Creation

- 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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The Sermon

“Giving Thanks to the God Who Meets All Our Needs” – Based on Philippians 4:19

See Also: “The Creed,” LSB pp. 322-323

The Offering and Exchange of Peace

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

P: Let us proclaim our thanks to the all-blessed Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
For the tender love You show Your whole creation,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For the food we eat, the clothes we wear and the homes we live in,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For our families, for husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, for children with their joy and their trust, for grandparents and grandchildren, for aunts and uncles,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For the fields and their harvest, for farmers and their labors, for the good earth and all its bounty,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For our nation and all its people, and for the freedoms we enjoy, especially for the freedom of religion and the freedom to worship You in peace,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: Above all for the incarnation of our Lord, for His suffering and death, for His glorious resurrection and ascension and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For the holy Church, for the divine waters of Baptism, for the comfort of Holy Absolution, and for the life-giving Sacrament of the Altar,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For the Sacred Scriptures, for the holy Law that shows us our sin, and for the holy Gospel that reveals the righteousness of Christ as Your gift to us,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: For these and all Your mercies, mercies beyond number and measure, for all of which it is our joy to stand before You,

C: We give You thanks and bless Your holy name.

P: You are indeed blessed and holy and worthy of all honor and praise, O Father Almighty, O only-begotten Son, O Spirit of Holiness. To You alone do we give all glory now and ever and unto the ages of ages!

C: Amen!

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 Institution and The Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Agnus Dei (*sung*)(*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Setting One, p. 163*)

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.

The Distribution (“Continuous Table / Pilgrim Style”)

- ✠ *In the Lord’s Supper, Jesus Christ comes to us with His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for our forgiveness. Because the Bible indicates that those communing together should share unity of both faith and doctrine our church body and congregation practice close(d) communion.*
- ✠ *Guests who have not communed here before are kindly asked to speak with pastor before communing here for the first time.*

Distribution Hymns

966 - Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

- 2 The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

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795 – Voices Raised to You

- 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, suffering, 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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893 – Sing to the Lord of Harvest

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

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The Post Communion Canticle (*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Setting One, p. 164*)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy.
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look on you with His favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: *Amen.*

The Closing Hymn # 789 - Praise and Thanksgiving

- 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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