

An Evening of



Thanksgiving

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THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
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Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

by Pethel

Announcements

Processional Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Insert

Thanksgiving for Baptism

(All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their
Baptism)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined with Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of baptism.

P: Blessed are you, Holy God, for you are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the everlasting wellspring. You gather your people from sea to sea. You quench our thirst, and you comfort all who weep. Your Son stands among us, Shepherd and Lamb, to lead all the saints through death to life. Pour out your Holy Spirit. May this water be a sign of the end of all tears; for we stand under the name above all names, Jesus your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting

P: Beloved, remembered by God and remembering both the call and the promise of God: may the everlasting love of the Father, the gift of the Son, and the abundance of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: We praise and thank you O God, for you are without beginning and without end. Through Christ Jesus you are creator and redeemer of all and ruler of all – seen and unseen. We praise and thank you for all you have blessed us with, and for the blessings yet to come. Help us be a blessing to our family, our neighbors, and to those in need.

C: **To you we lift up our praise!**

P: For this beautiful facility we worship and grow in faith in,

C: **We give you thanks.**

P: For the ministries of our women and our men and our youth and children,

C: **We give you thanks.**

P: For Bible studies, for fellowship, for choirs and for community events,

C: **We give you thanks.**

P: For our members, for our employees, for those who volunteer, for those who visit,

C: **We give you thanks.**

P: For our Congregational Leaders, our Mission District Leaders, our Denominational Leaders,

C: **We give you thanks.**

P: For this community and for all the communities that surround it, for the mission field that we have, for the opportunities we have to serve and to bless,

C: **We give you thanks.**

P: For the cross, for the empty tomb, and for the promises we have in the crucified and risen Christ,

C: We give you thanks. Amen.

1st 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.”

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

2nd Reading Philippians 4:6-20

⁶... (D)o 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: A reading of the Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter, beginning with the 11th verse.

C: **Glory to you of Lord.**

Gospel **Luke 17:11-19**

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: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Bill

Hymn

"As Saints of Old"

Insert

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Holy God,

C: hear us.

Special Music *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Soloist Bob Hinschlager

Lord's Prayer

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.

Confession & Absolution

P: Loving God,

C: **We come to you and confess we are sinners,**

P: but in baptism you call us your children.

C: **We come to you and confess we are sinners,**

P: but you tell us from the cross we are forgiven.

C: **We come to you and confess we are sinners,**

P: but in the empty tomb you grant us eternal life.

God has heard your confession. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Words of Institution
Distribution**

Communion Hymns

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Insert

Post Communion Blessing

Recessional Hymn *"Let All Things Now Living"*

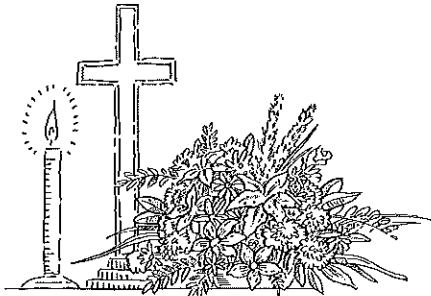
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Postlude

I Will Give Thanks

Gounod

The canned goods collected and the loose offering will go to **Agape Food Pantry**.



Altar Flowers

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God for all His blessings,
by Dan & Cheryl Macklem.

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Join Us on Wednesdays in Advent

Our Midweek Advent Services: "Savior of the Nations"

- **December 2:** Invitation,
- **December 9:** Announcement,
- **December 16:** His Throne.

The services will be held 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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