

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *LSB 892*



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* Opening Sentences

Psalm 95:1-2; 100:4-5; 147:1, 7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

* Confession and Absolution

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,

All: to God my exceeding joy.

Leader: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we live faithfully and with full thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those

who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray together,

All: 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

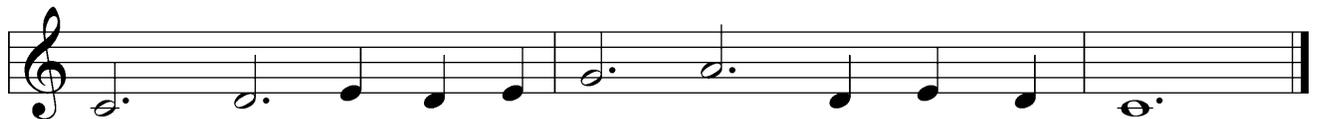
Praise and Thanksgiving *LSB 789*



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

© 1987 Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100013127. Public domain

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7 *NIV*

Rejoice in The Lord Always.

Leader: The Epistle is from the 4th chapter of Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be

anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Arr. Healey Willan

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 song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall,
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

* Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19 *NIV*

Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

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? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

We Praise You, O God *LSB 785*



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Public domain

Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

* Catechism

Leader: Confessing faith and expressing thanks are completely linked together. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther underscored the theme of thankfulness in his explanation of the First Article of the Creed, which focuses on God the Creator. Together we say:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

All: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

Leader: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

All: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

Leader: He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

All: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

* Prayer of the Church

Leader: Let us come before almighty God to thank Him for countless blessings and ask His grace and mercy for ourselves and all who call out to Him in faith. Paul's exhortation in the Epistle guides our petitions.

Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is true,
All: we give thanks that Your Word of promise is truth itself, and we ask that in governments and societies on the national level down to our own communities truth will prevail and falsehood be exposed.

Leader: Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is honorable,

All: we give thanks that You have honored the lowly in Your compassionate love, and we pray that Your Spirit will guide us to honor Your name and kingdom in all that we say and do.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is just,

All: we give thanks that our Savior's sacrifice covers our sins before the Father's throne, and we pray that justice will

prevail in the courts of our land and in the nations of the world; grant that peace break out between neighbors and countries.

Leader: Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is pure,

All: we give thanks for the pure Gospel as clergy and lay leaders proclaim it around the world, and we pray that You guide, protect, and direct the Church wherever it is found so that it grow in faith and numbers.

Leader: Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is lovely,

All: we give thanks for the good and bountiful earth You have given us, and we pray You to bless those who sow and till, those who produce and distribute, so that daily bread will be available to all the people of this planet.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is commendable,

All: we give thanks for the gifts You have placed within people by which they are able to care for one another in health facilities and within their own families, and we pray that You will open the eyes of all so that we work together to serve the weak and forgotten, the sick and poor around us.

Leader: Almighty God, You alone are excellent and worthy of praise. Hear the thanks in our hearts for whatever our lips have failed to speak; we pray You to guide our feet into Your loving paths that thanksgiving abound as we serve You and those around us to the glory of Your holy name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.

* Words of Institution

* Peace of the Lord

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

All: **And also with you.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. You may follow the direction of the usher. We invite those who are not communing to receive a blessing by crossing their arms when standing before the bread host. The wine will be offered by individual cups. Please place empty individual cups in the glass bowls in front of the aisles. Those preferring non-alcoholic wine may take the individual cups from the center of each tray. Those needing a gluten free wafer may request one from the bread host.

Music during Distribution From All That Dwell Below the Skies *LSB 816*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



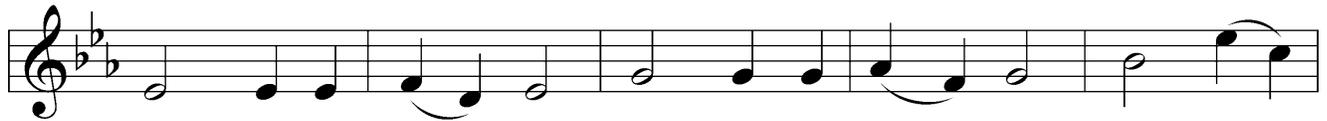
ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Public domain

Beautiful Savior LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Public domain

* Post-Communion Dismissal

* Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you

that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LSB 790*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Public domain

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Mark Rossington
Organist: Dr. John Hwang
Choir Director: Ron Sautter
Trumpets: Taylor Hubbard, Alex Strawn
Audio Engineer: Aaron Bland

Bible Readings are taken from the following translation of the Holy Bible, unless indicated otherwise: New International Version (NIV) Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV® Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4. Copyright © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

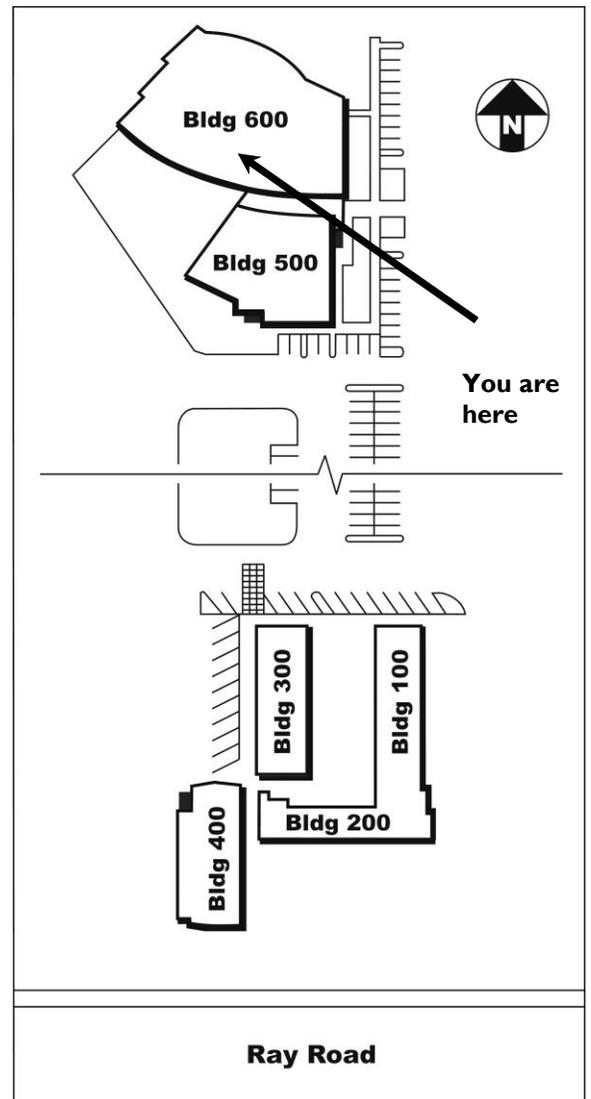
Sunday • 11:00 a.m.

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
 - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
 - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
 - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
 - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
 - Conference Rooms
 - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

