

# THANKSGIVING EVE

November 23, 2022, 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

Thanksgiving Prelude *Michael Burkhardt*  
*Becky O'Reilly, Flute*

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-ge-th-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.**

## \* Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**All: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Leader: Since we are gathered to listen to God's Word, call upon Him in thanksgiving and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at His very own Table, let us first consider our unworthiness to be invited to the feast of our Savior and confess before Him our sins of thought, word, and deed. Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we turn to our gracious Lord for His pardon and peace, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**All: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 of Thanksgiving

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart LSB 806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en \_\_\_\_\_



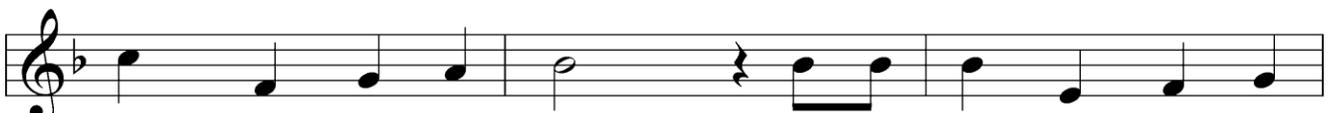
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of



what the Lord has done for us. And now let the



weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am



rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.



Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

***You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.***

Leader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy.

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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Philippians 4:6-20 NIV

***God supplies our needs, and we abound in thanksgiving.***

Leader: The Epistle is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians.

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.

Finally, brothers and sisters, 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 rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were 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 all this 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 more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. 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 the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Choir Anthem

## Now Thank We All Our God

*Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706*

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 mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

**\* Holy Gospel**

Luke 17:11–19 *NIV*

**One of the healed lepers returns to give thanks to Jesus.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

Now Thank We All Our God *LSB 895*



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

**\* Nicene Creed**

**All: 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.**

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

### **\* Prayer of the Church**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ  
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

***After each prayer, the Leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."  
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."***

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we  
pray, trusting in Your mercy; 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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest *LSB 893*



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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### \* 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,  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



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  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



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  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



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.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God *Paul Manz*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Mark Rossington  
Organist: Jean Spyksma  
Choir Director: Ron Sautter  
Trumpets: Alex Strawn, Elizabeth Kraus  
Flute: Becky O'Reilly  
Audio Engineer: Aaron Bland

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## 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.

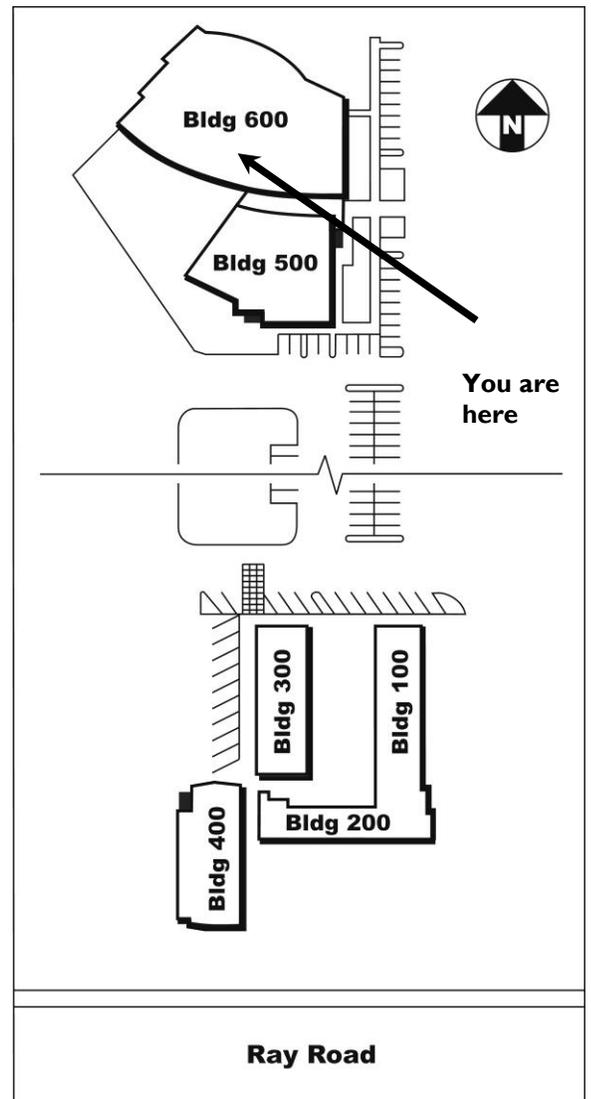
**Sunday • 11:00 a.m.**

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

