

# THANKSGIVING DAY

November 25, 2021

9:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** . . . . . “Nun danket alle Gott” by Albert L. Travis. . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ

**WELCOME** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** . . . . . “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” . . . . . LSB 809

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Today is Thanksgiving, a day we set aside as a nation to give thanks to our God who graciously gives us all things. In one of Paul’s letters to Timothy, he urges that “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” For each one of us there are people we struggle to be thankful for.
- C** **We confess our struggles and our sins to God, seeking His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.**

*Silence for personal confession.*

**P** God created this world and everything in it, including all of the people who live in it. According to God’s gracious will, He “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Here’s the truth: God loves the people of this world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. By the command of Christ and through the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** . . . . . “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” . . . . . LSB 893

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.

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.

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.

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Gracious God, You provide us all we need for our bodies and lives. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit to see and be thankful for all of the blessings You give us, Thanking You with our lips and our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** .....Deuteronomy 8:1-10

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Deuteronomy.
- P** “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. And 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. And 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. For 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.” (ESV)
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** ..... Psalm 67

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,
- C** **that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.**
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C** **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C** **The earth has yielded its increase;**
- P** God, our God, shall bless us.
- C** **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

**EPISTLE READING** .....1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P** The Epistle Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy.
- P** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (ESV)
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
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**VERSE** ..... Psalm 136:1

- P** Alleluia.
- C** **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Luke 17:11-19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** ..... Nicene Creed

**C** **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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Michael P. Dorn

**MESSAGE RESPONSE** ..... "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" ..... LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

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And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

## OFFERING

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## MUSICAL OFFERING . . . . . "The Gift of Each Day" by John Rutter . . . . . Sanctuary Choir

*The gift of each day rising out of darkness:  
the promise of light and the birth of new life,  
the dawn of new hope and a new beginning,  
if we turn to the light;*

*The gift of each day stirring all around us:  
the sights of the earth, and sea, and sky,  
Forever fresh as the day we first saw them,  
forever new as creation's first day.*

*Domine, gratias agimus tibi;  
Lord God, we give You thanks, blessing, and praise.  
Behold creation, so filled with miracles,  
Benedictus es, benedictus es, Domine.*

*The gift of each day has been freely granted:  
the gift of creation in glory revealed.  
We thank You, Lord, for all its blessings,  
we thank You, Lord, for the gift of each day,  
Your good gift of each day,  
We thank You, Lord, for the gift of each day,*

## PRAYERS

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**☐** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**DISMISSAL**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

**POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING** ..... Psalm 106

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

**P** We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for the blessings You have given us to eat and drink in the Sacrament. You give us all good things through Your promises. We praise You for removing our sins and strengthening our faith by the Holy Supper. Move us to rejoice always in Your many gifts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** ..... “Now Thank We All Our God” ..... LSB 895

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

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** . . . . . “Now Thank We All Our God” by Sigfried Karg-Elert. . .Carla Barrows, Organ

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