

A Celebration of
THANKSGIVING

November 26, 2025

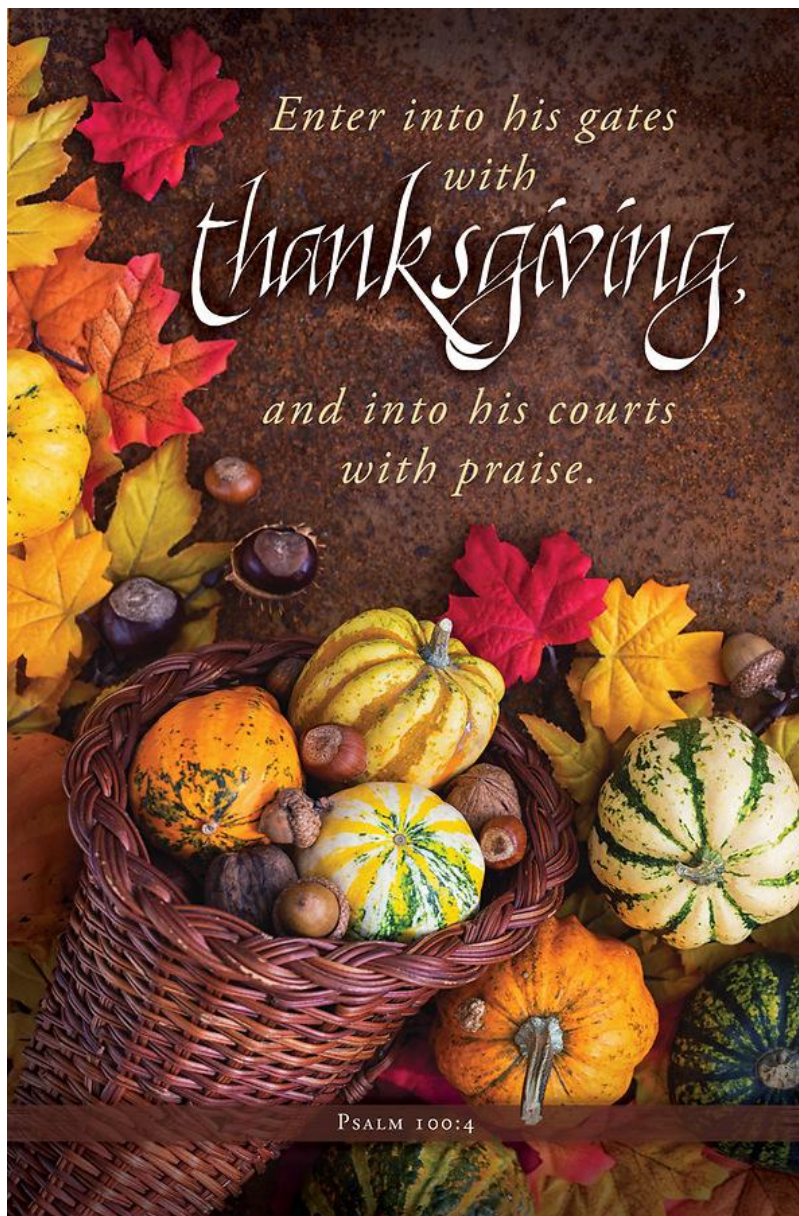


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PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Jeffrey Blersch

† **PREPARATION** †

“Come Lord Jesus”

PROCESSIONAL 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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

Pastor: Come, Lord Jesus: The common table grace, a prayer before eating, begins by inviting our Lord to be with us for the meal set before us. The miracle of God's grace is that He does come to break bread with us poor sinful beings. His presence assures us of the forgiveness of our sins.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *from LSB 788*

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Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care, For songs of praise for food and harvest press, While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:

People: Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace, For life and vision, for a purpose clear, For Christ Your Son, and for each human face That shows Your message ever new and near.

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, For words that speak at variance with deeds; Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:

People: Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost, That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine," Assured that only what's withheld is lost.

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast, For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul, For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

People: Open our eyes to see Your love's intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height; May thankfulness be days in service spent, Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

Pastor: God's forgiveness is not shallow! From eternity He decided to send His Son as one of us to die for the sins of all people. He daily and richly forgives us all our sins, for which it is our duty and delight to return to Him thanks and praise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †
"Be Our Guest"

Pastor: Be our guest: When this gracious Guest comes, we long and love to listen: "Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." *Deuteronomy 8:3b*

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, Blossom and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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PRAYER

Pastor: Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing,
People: **to love what is worth loving,**
Pastor: to praise what delights you most,
People: **to value what is precious in your sight,**
Pastor: to hate what is offensive to you.
People: **Do not let me judge by what I see,**
Pastor: nor pass sentence according to what I hear,
People: **but to judge rightly between things that differ,**
Pastor: and above all to search out and to do what pleases you, through Jesus.
People: **Amen.** - Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

(David's Song of Thanksgiving)

¹⁰ David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. ¹¹ Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN STANZA

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♪ 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.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

(God Loves the Cheerful Giver)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"I Will Give Thanks to You"

*Craig Courtney
The Cathedral Choir*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

(Jesus gives healing to ten, but only one receives the gift with faith and knows its fullest blessing.)

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

People:



¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CREED

Martin Luther's Explanation to the 1st Article

Pastor: What is the First Article of the Apostles Creed?

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **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. 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.**

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

This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN

“May Our Songs Glorify”



1 May our songs glo - ri - fy, In ac - cord
2 May our thanks be made clear In the deeds
3 May our hearts filled with grace, Pu - ri - fied



tes - ti - fy To the Fa - ther and Spir - it and
we hold dear And our faith, hope, and love — man - i -
from dis - grace, O - ver - flow in our lives — to our



Sav - ior of all. With the prais - es we cry,
fest in our lives. Let us serve with - out fear
Lord and our world So that oth - ers may trace



Lift - ing prayers to the sky To the Lord who in -
Know - ing Je - sus is near And cre - a - tion will
Through each na - tion and place That the king - dom of



vites us to fer - vent - ly call.
know when its Mas - ter ar - rives.
God holds its ban - ners un - furled.

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SERMON

“... behold...”

Psalm 119:18

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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OFFERTORY

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♪ **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.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

"We Praise Thee, O God"

Wilbur Held

† **SERVICE OF PRAYER** †

"And Let These Gifts"

Pastor: And let these gifts: We might think that our offerings were the things given in worship today, but this misses the mark. We have only returned a portion of the "daily bread" that God has entrusted to us. We are always on the receiving end of God's lavish gift-giving. The greatest Gift is our Lord Jesus Himself, our Immanuel who is with us, constantly providing us with all we need to support our body and life. We pray that we might receive Him in true and living faith.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

People: **"The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing."** (*Psalm 145:15-16*)

Pastor: Gracious God, we come before You on behalf of those who this day are hungry, homeless, oppressed, sick, or sorrowful. We remember before You those who we esteem in our hearts and minds. Visit, relieve, and restore them according to Your gracious will. Bless the efforts of those who farm, transport, and market the crops You provide; increase the vision and strength of those who plan, build, and finance the homes of this land; guide and direct all medical researchers, doctors, nurses, and emergency technicians.

People: **"You crown the year with Your bounty; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy"** (*Psalm 65:11a, 13*).

Pastor: This day we pause and remember to give thanks for all Your blessings of body and soul which You shower upon us. Hear us now as we thank you in our hearts for the many things that we frequently overlook and forget: (Silence for prayer). Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear...

People: **"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth"** (*Psalm 67:4*).

Pastor: For this great land we thank You, almighty God, and pray that You would guide those who create, administer and judge our laws; guard and protect those who willfully stand in harm's way to protect and guard our communities here and abroad.

People: **"Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever" (Psalm 28:9).**

Pastor: We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for Your precious Word and holy Sacraments, and ask that You would continue to bless Your Church around the world that it may grow in faith and numbers.

People: **Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!**
(Psalm 102:2)

Pastor: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

† THE SERVICE OF SENDING †

"To Us Be Blest"

Pastor: To us be blest: The blessings of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation which we receive in Christ Jesus are ours only by the grace of God. But because He gives them so freely for Jesus' sake, we can put all things in God's hands and look forward to the endless thanksgiving awaiting us in heaven.

HYMN STANZA

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**♪ 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!**

OUR THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.** *Psalm 118:1*

OUR SENDING

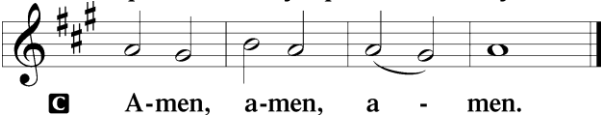
Pastor: May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you,
People: **for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most lonely moment,**
Pastor: for putting up with such a stubborn soul as mine,
People: **for loving me more than I love myself,**
Pastor: for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly,
People: **for drawing out goodness in even me,**
Pastor: for being constant and unchanging amidst all the changes of this world,
People: **for repaying our sin with your love.**
Pastor: May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love.
People: **Amen.**

- Teresa of Avila (c. 1515-1582)

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
People: **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**
Pastor: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *Col 3:15-17*
People: **Amen.**
Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
People: **Amen.**
Pastor: The grace of the Lord † Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
 △ 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;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
 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
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
 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.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Paul Manz

A Prayer As you leave...



Dear God, give us peaceful hearts and a right courage in the confusion and strife against the devil. And so may we not only endure and finally triumph, but also have peace in the midst of the struggle. May we praise and thank You and not complain or become impatient against Your divine will. Let peace win the victory in our hearts. May we remain quiet and peaceable toward You, O Lord, and toward others, both inwardly and outwardly, until Your final and eternal peace shall come.

~ Martin Luther (1483- 1546)