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**THANKSGIVING EVE      NOVEMBER 23, 2022**

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**WELCOME**

**HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (LSB #892)**

**Come, ye thankful people, come;  
Raise the Song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**For the Lord, our God, shall come  
And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

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**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER: (Spoken together)**

**Heavenly Father, You have blessed and given us so much as God. You have ordered all of creation and have provided for our redemption through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. But we are not always as thankful to You as we should be. We repent of our thanklessness and ask that Your Holy Spirit would create in us clean hearts, and renew us in faith, so we might know the fullness of Your love, and reflect that love in thankful living. Amen.**



## DECLARATION OF GRACE

### THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. (Psalm 19:1,2)**

Pastor: The day is Yours, and Yours also the night; You establish the sun and moon.

**People: It was You who set all the boundaries of the earth; You made both summer and winter. (Psalm 74:16-17)**

Pastor: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;

**People: No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:11)**

### SONG: "Come and Rejoice" (*Don Moen/Gerrit Gustafson*)

**Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,  
those who would worship in spirit and truth;  
Come with your singing, come with thanksgiving,  
Jesus, our Savior, has made all things new.  
Come and rejoice, O holy nation,  
come and sing praises to Him;  
Come and bow down, worship before Him,  
Jesus, the King of all kings,  
Jesus, the King of all kings.**

**The Lord of creation is full of compassion,  
seated in splendor adorned with all grace;  
Majestic and glorious, reigning victorious,  
now and forever enthroned on our praise.  
Come and rejoice, O holy nation,  
come and sing praises to Him;  
Come and bow down, worship before Him,  
Jesus, the King of all kings,  
Jesus, the King of all kings.**

**With the sound of the trumpet He summons the nations,  
Calling a priesthood to go in His name;  
To show forth His power to this generation,  
to worship before him, a kingdom of praise.  
Come and rejoice, O holy nation,  
come and sing praises to Him;  
Come and bow down, worship before Him,  
Jesus, the King of all kings,  
Jesus, the King of all kings.**

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## **THANKSGIVING REFLECTION**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

**People: Who made the great lights - His love endures forever.**

Pastor: The sun to govern the day, His love endures forever.

**People: The moon and stars to govern the night. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1,7-9)**

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

**People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**People: The moon and the stars, which You have set in place,**

Pastor: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**People: The son of man that You care for him? (Psalm 8:1,3-4)**

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens praise Him in the heights above.**

Pastor: Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

**People: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him all you shining stars. (Psalm 148:1-3)**

**HYMN: "Earth and All Stars" (LSB #817)**

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**He has done marvelous things.**

**I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**He has done marvelous things.**

**I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**He has done marvelous things.**

**I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Children of God, Dying and rising,**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**He has done marvelous things.**

**I too will praise Him with a new song!**

## **EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:6-20**

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> 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; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; 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. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

## **SERMON: Deuteronomy 8:1-11 “What Kind of Thanks do You Give God?”**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*Luther’s explanation to the 1st Article*)**

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

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: 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.**

### **THANKSGIVING REFLECTION:**

**Pastor: God provides not only for our physical needs.**

**People: He also graciously meets all our spiritual needs as well.**

**Pastor: We are thankful for the food God puts on our table.**

**People: We are also thankful for the food He gives us in His supper to assure us of our forgiveness in Christ.**

**Pastor: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

**People: He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.**

**Pastor: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.**

**People: Let every creature praise His holy name!**

### **SONG: "Give Thanks" (Henry Smith)**

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

**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,  
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.**

**Ending... Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.**

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE *our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(Instrumental music)*

### **BLESSING: (Adapted from Colossians 1:9-14)**

**Pastor:** May God fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

**People:** May we live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way.

**Pastor:** Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

**People:** Being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might.

**Pastor:** So that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

**People:** For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

### **HYMN: "We Praise You, O God" (LSB #785)**

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

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Advent & Christmas  
Schedule

Wednesday Midweek  
Services

11/30, 12/7, 12/14 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve

Saturday, 12/24 4:30 PM

Christmas Day

Sunday, 12/25 9:30 AM

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### Deuteronomy 8:1-11 “What Kind of Thanks Do You Give God?”

<sup>1</sup> 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 that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. <sup>2</sup> Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers 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. <sup>4</sup> Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup> Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

1. How do we usually give thanks to God?
2. In what unusual way did God bless the Israelites?
3. Why don't we always like it when the Lord tests us?
4. How do God's tests help us?
5. What does God's work with the Israelites teach us about his promises?
6. Who decides how we should thank God?
7. Why aren't we really pleasing God when we come up with our own ways of thanking Him?
8. Where does God tell us how to properly thank him?
9. What happens with our thanksgiving when we leave worship?
10. What does true thanksgiving look like in the life of a Christian?