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**THANKSGIVING EVE NOVEMBER 24, 2021**  
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**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.**

**All the World is God’s own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**  
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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of God the Father:

**People: Praise to our creating God!**

Pastor: In the name of God the Son:

**People: Praise to our redeeming God!**

Pastor: In the name of God the Spirit:

**People: Praise to our renewing God!**

Pastor: Let us join our thankful voices, saying:

**People: Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER: (Spoken together)**

Most gracious God,

**P**raise to You for Your generous goodness that comes to us new every day.

**R**enew within us grateful hearts to acknowledge Your goodness.

**A**waken within us the desire to live our daily lives in service to others.



**I** nstill within us a spirit of wisdom and understanding, patience and hope, praise and witness.  
**S** ave us from the curse of sin, the sting of death, the clutches of hell, and the power of the devil.  
**E** nlighten and sanctify us, so that our gratitude to You may be reflected in the way we treat others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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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**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

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.

## **LITANY OF THANKS:**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: We thank You, Lord, for You are good.

**People: Your love is everlasting.**

Pastor: You alone perform great marvels.

**People: Your love is everlasting.**

Pastor: You are the maker and owner of all that there is.

**People: Your love is everlasting.**

## **HYMN: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (LSB #805)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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## **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.

## **LITANY OF THANKS:**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: You provide us with snow and rain,

**People: Rivers and lakes, mountains and valleys, flowers and trees.**

Pastor: You give us pastors and teachers, doctors and nurses,

**People: Fathers and mothers, painters, musicians, writers, artists, farmers and laborers, employers and clerks. Your love is everlasting.**

## **HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LSB #790)**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear**

**Now to His temple draw near,**

**Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning**

**And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen**

**All that is needful has been**

**Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

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## **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."

## **LITANY OF THANKS:**

Pastor: Lord, You free us from all our oppressors.

**People: You have chosen us to be Your people; You have called and equipped us to share Your love to the world around us.**

Pastor: You give food to all living creatures.

**People: You satisfy all of our desires; in You is the source of all thankfulness and blessing. Your love is everlasting!**

**HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (LSB #790)**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed, and when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief,  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew**

**What the Almighty can do**

**As with His love He befriends you.**

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**SERMON: Psalm 65**

**“We’ve Got Something to Celebrate!”**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**HYMN: “Give Thanks” (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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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.  
Give thanks, give thanks!**

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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) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **BLESSING: (Adapted from Ephesians 3:16-20)**

Pastor: May the Lord strengthen you out of His glorious riches, with power through His Spirit in your inner being,

**People: So that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.**

Pastor: May the Lord root and establish you in His love,

**People: That we may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,**

Pastor: And to know this love that surpasses knowledge,

**People: That we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,

**People: According to His power that is at work within us, be glory, honor, and praise. Amen.**

### **HYMN: "Before You, Lord, We Bow" (LSB #966)**

**Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King!**

**The nation You have blest  
May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
For this fair land  
Gifts of Your hand  
Our thanks we pay.**

**May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise  
A grateful song.**  
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## **SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: November 24, 2021**

### **Psalm 65:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. <sup>10</sup>You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. <sup>12</sup>The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. <sup>13</sup>The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

### **James 1:17**

<sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

### **Matthew 5:45**

<sup>45</sup>...your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

### **1 Corinthians 15:19**

<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

### **Matthew 6:9,10**

<sup>9</sup>..."Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, <sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Psalm 65:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. <sup>2</sup>O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come. <sup>3</sup>When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. <sup>5</sup>You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, <sup>6</sup>who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, <sup>7</sup>who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. <sup>8</sup>Those living far away fear your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.

### **Ephesians 3:20,21**

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!



**Holiday Service Schedule:**

**Nov 24th, 6:30pm. Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion**

**Dec 1st, 6:30pm. Advent Service.**

**Dec 8th, 6:30pm. Advent Service.**

**Dec 15th, 6:30pm. Advent Service.**

**Advent Service Theme: "What Do Angels Do?"**

**Each week we'll be looking at the role angels play in God's plans and in our life as believers in Christ.**

**Dec 24th, 4pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.**

**Dec 25th, 9:30am. Christmas Day Service with Communion**



**BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS**

**Adult Bible Class:**

**Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.**

**Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.**

**Location: Church fellowship hall.**

**Topic: Both classes are the same. We are currently finishing up our look at the book of Revelation.**