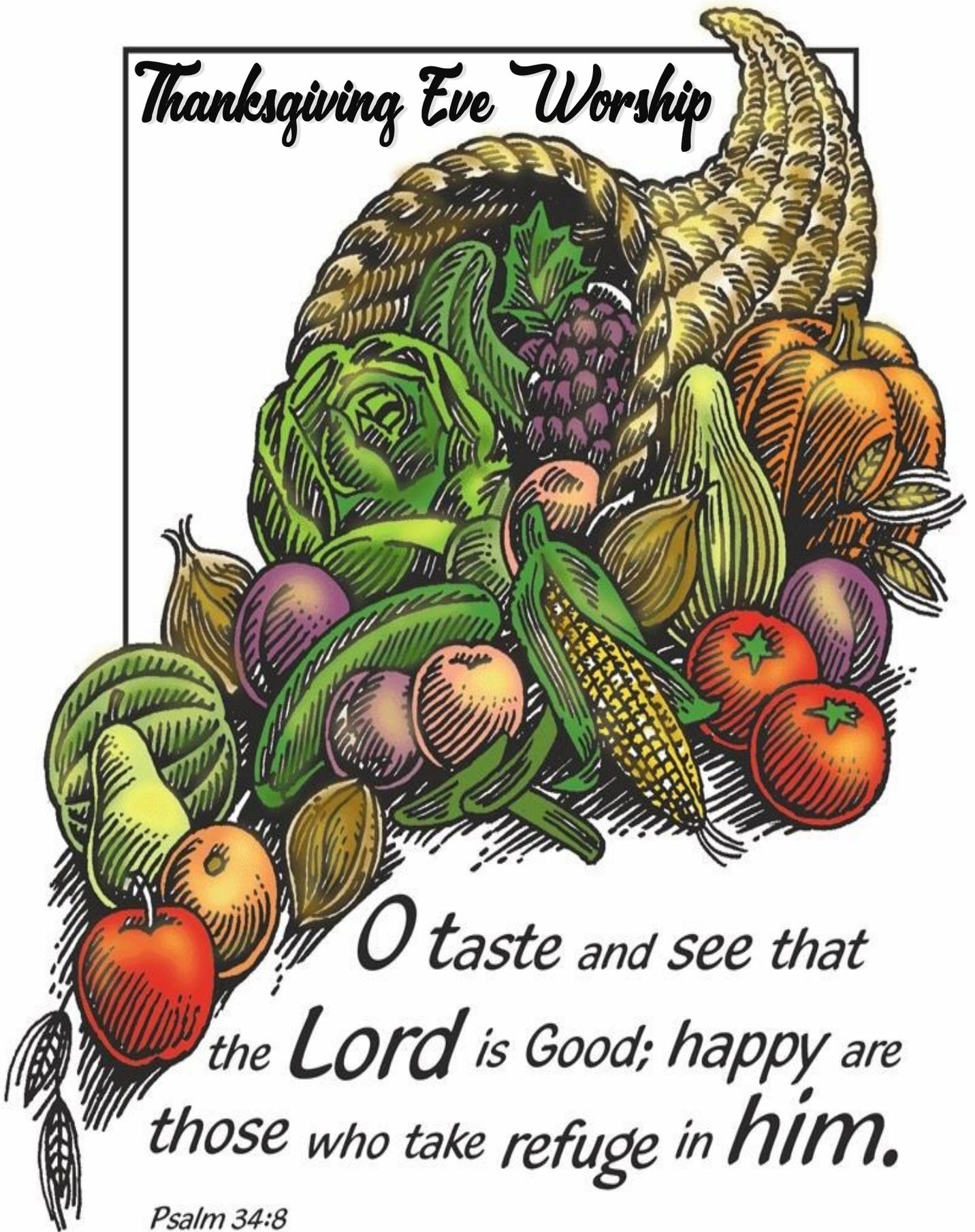


# *Thanksgiving Eve Worship*



*O taste and see that  
the **Lord** is Good; happy are  
those who take refuge in **him**.*

*Psalm 34:8*

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## Thanksgiving Eve Worship ~ November 23, 2022

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*“Be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.”*

### ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

*(Please silence your cell phones and mobile devices during our worship time.)*

#### PRELUDE

#### OPENING HYMN, LSB 892: “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

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| 1 | Come, ye thankful people, come;<br>Raise the song of harvest home.<br>All be safely gathered in<br>Ere the winter storms begin;<br>God, our maker, doth provide<br>For our wants to be supplied.<br>Come to God’s own temple, come;<br>Raise the song of harvest home.             | 3 | For the Lord, our God, shall come<br>And shall take His harvest home,<br>From His field shall in that day<br>All offenses purge away,<br>Give His angels charge at last<br>In the fire the tares to cast,<br>But the fruitful ears to store<br>In His garner evermore. |
| 2 | All the world is God’s own field,<br>Fruit unto His praise to yield;<br>Wheat and tares together sown,<br>Unto joy or sorrow grown.<br>First the blade and then the ear,<br>Then the full corn shall appear.<br>Lord of harvest, grant that we<br>Wholesome grain and pure may be. | 4 | Even so, Lord, quickly come<br>To Thy final harvest home;<br>Gather Thou Thy people in,<br>Free from sorrow, free from sin,<br>There, forever purified,<br>In Thy garner to abide:<br>Come with all Thine angels, come,<br>Raise the glorious harvest home.            |

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#### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

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

Pastor: Since we are gathered to listen to God’s Word and call upon Him in thanksgiving and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness to be invited into His fellowship 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.

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

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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! Thanks be to God!**

## INTROIT

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

**People: the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Pastor: These all look to You,

**People: to give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: When You give it to them, they gather it up;

**People: when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

**People: and You renew the face of the ground.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE, LSB 789: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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| 1 | Praise and thanksgiving,<br>Father, we offer<br>For all things living,<br>Created good:<br>Harvest of sown fields,<br>Fruits of the orchard,<br>Hay from the mown fields,<br>Blossom and wood. | 3 | Father, providing<br>Food for Your children,<br>By Your wise guiding<br>Teach us to share<br>One with another,<br>So that, rejoicing<br>With us, all others<br>May know Your care. |
| 2 | Bless, Lord, the labor<br>We bring to serve You<br>That with our neighbor<br>We may be fed.<br>Sowing or tilling,<br>We would work with You,<br>Harvesting, milling<br>For daily bread.        |   |  |

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1–10**

<sup>1</sup> “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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19**

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY, LSB 785: "We Praise You O God"

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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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## SERMON: "Thankful Contentment" Philippians 4:9

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for all those who come before Jesus with songs of gratefulness and praise and for all people on earth, that we may abound in thanksgiving, this day and always. For all those who worship You in Spirit and in truth; for all members of this congregation and for all the baptized souls who belong to the Body of Christ; for our unity in Christ Jesus and His Word; for our dedication to His mission to bring the Good News to every corner of the world; that hearts may abound in thanksgiving. Hear our prayer;

**People:** **we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** For our families and our friends; for our relatives and our neighbors, both those who share our Table during this Thanksgiving celebration and those who are miles away; for our houses and our homes; for our spouses and our children; for food and drink; for laughter and for tears; and for the memories of past times and the expectation of blessings yet to be, that as we gather to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day we may lift our praises to our gracious Creator and Redeemer. Hear our prayer;

**People:** **we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** For our nation, its leaders, public servants, and those who wear its uniform to protect its people; for the land, the businesses, and the schools in our community, that they may be filled with God’s goodness; and for hearts and minds, hands and mouths that are ready to receive their daily bread with thanksgiving, that we recognize every good gift comes from our Father above. Hear our prayer;

**People:** **we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** For the sick, the suffering, and the dying; for those who are hurting in heart, body, mind, and relationship; for those who are hungry and tired, weary and alone, that they may know the healing presence of Jesus and return to Him, fall at His feet, and worship Him; and for those who work to bring needed relief and the Lord’s healing touch to all those for whom we pray, especially... Hear our prayer;

**People:** **we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** With hearts ever grateful and lives ever thankful, we offer these prayers before You, O Lord, trusting that You hear, answer, and bless us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

### OFFERING

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## **PREFACE FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. With grateful hearts abounding in thanksgiving, we praise You, O Lord, for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died upon Calvary's cross to destroy the power of our sin and open for us the way to everlasting life. Now that He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity, we lift our hearts before You in humble gratitude and never-ending praise. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and praying together...

## **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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **LSB 617: "O Lord, We Praise"**

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| <p>1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,<br/>In thanksgiving bow before Thee.<br/>Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish<br/>Our weak souls that they may flourish:<br/>O Lord, have mercy!<br/>May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,<br/>That our sins and sorrows did carry,<br/>And Thy blood for us plead<br/>In all trial, fear, and need:<br/>O Lord, have mercy!</p> <p>2 Thy holy body into death was given,<br/>Life to win for us in heaven.<br/>No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;<br/>May this feast thereof remind us!<br/>O Lord, have mercy!<br/>Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee<br/>That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.<br/>All our debt Thou hast paid;<br/>Peace with God once more is made:<br/>O Lord, have mercy!</p> | <p>3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor<br/>That we follow Christ our Savior<br/>And live together here in love and union<br/>Nor despise this blest Communion!<br/>O Lord, have mercy!<br/>Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;<br/>Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;<br/>Give Thy Church, Lord, to see<br/>Days of peace and unity:<br/>O Lord, have mercy!</p> |
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## LSB 806: "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

- 1 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. Give thanks, give thanks.

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### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, that You have freely given to us the blessing of Your Son's body and blood. As we go forth from Your Table to share in Your many blessings in our own homes and on our own tables, help us to abound in thanksgiving and love all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN, LSB 895: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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| 1 Now thank we all our God<br>With hearts and hands and voices,<br>Who wondrous things has done,<br>In whom His world rejoices;<br>Who from our mothers' arms<br>Has blest us on our way<br>With countless gifts of love<br>And still is ours today. | 3 All praise and thanks to God<br>The Father now be given,<br>The Son, and Him who reigns<br>With them in highest heaven,<br>The one eternal God,<br>Whom earth and heav'n adore;<br>For thus it was, is now,<br>And shall be evermore. |
| 2 Oh, may this bounteous God<br>Through all our life be near us,<br>With ever joyful hearts<br>And blessed peace to cheer us<br>And keep us in His grace<br>And guide us when perplexed<br>And free us from all ills<br>In this world and the next!  |   |

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### POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME ALL ON THIS THANKSGIVING EVE** as we join with our fellow citizens in expressing gratitude to God. Let us be mindful that every good and perfect gift we have has come from the hand of God. "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1, NRSV).

**FLOWERS** were placed on our altar today to the glory of God by Brian & Michelle Strickland in thankfulness and celebration of 28 years of marriage and God's many blessings in their life.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TODAY!**

God's word says that in this Sacrament we receive Christ's real Body and real Blood in, with, and under the Bread and Wine. Our Lord Jesus makes these 4 elements present so that we might receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because Jesus expresses His love to us in such a real presence, He asks us to prepare ourselves and examine ourselves in the following manner before receiving His sacrament.

#### **In Preparation To Receive the Sacrament:**

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without any hope of eternal life except for God's mercy to me found only through Jesus?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and also a true human being who is my personal Savior from all sin?
3. Do I believe that His true Body and Blood are really present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the bread and the wine?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

As you come to Holy Communion you are affirming a steadfast belief in the statements above. In this belief and by receiving the Sacrament you are affirming that Jesus Christ is your Savior and that you are in unity with those who commune with you. Following the above guidelines allows you to take Holy Communion in a worthy manner. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and bring God's wrath and judgment on themselves (I Corinthians 11:27-30), we ask that any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different from the congregations of **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** are requested to refrain from receiving the Sacrament. Each person may come forward for a blessing with hands folded as an indication to the pastor that they wish to receive a blessing. An alcohol-removed wine (distinguished by its lighter color) is offered in the center of each communion tray as an option. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during distribution at the altar. The Common Cup will also be offered with each table. If you do not take an individual cup, the pastor will serve the Chalice. If you have any questions regarding the reception of Holy Communion please speak to a pastor or one of the elders of our congregation before the service.



## Messengers of Hope Advent 2022

**Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Noon and 7:00 pm.**

Messenger of Hope in Unbelieving Doubt  
Luke 1:5-25

**Wed., Dec. 7 at Noon and 7:00 pm.**

Messenger of Hope in the Fear of the Unknown  
Matthew 1:18-25

**Sun., Dec. 11 at 6:00 pm.**

The Light Has Come - A Christmas Cantata

**Wed., Dec. 14 at Noon and 7:00 pm.**

Messenger of Hope is the Seemingly Impossible  
Luke 1:26-38

**Wed., Dec. 21 at Noon and 7:00 pm.**

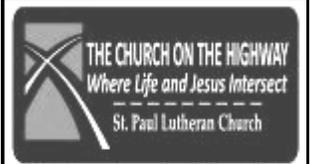
Messenger of Hope Empowered by the Arm of  
the Lord  
Isaiah 52:7-10

**Sat., Dec. 24 at 6:00 pm -  
Children's Christmas Eve Program**

**Sat., Dec. 24 at 9:00 pm -  
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service**  
Messenger of Hope Announces Peace

**Sun., Dec. 25 at 10:00 am - Christmas Day**

Messenger of Hope Delivers Hope  
John 11:1-8



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**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am & 10:30am

**Sunday School & Bible Class**  
9:15am

**Our Church Infant/Toddler  
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hour, and during our  
10:30am Worship.**

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