Thanksgiving Eve



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DIVINE SERVICE SETTING V **P. 213-218**

AS WE GATHER – WE PRAISE GOD FOR SUSTAINING LIFE IN AND THROUGH HIS WORD – The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD" (Deut. 8:3). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: "Go and show yourselves to the priests" (Luke 17:11–19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).

OPENING HYMN "COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME" 892

✢ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✢
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✢ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

INTROIT **PSALM 104:24, 27-28, 30; ANTIPHON V. 33**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
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.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

HYMN OF PRAISE "EARTH AND ALL STARS" 817

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT DEUTERONOMY 8:1-10

1 "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. 2 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. 3 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. 4 Your
clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell
these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man
disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So

you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. [7]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, [8]a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, [9]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. [10]And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL **PSALM 145:15-16; 118:1**

The eyes of all look to you, [O Lord,] and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

EPISTLE **1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4**

[1]First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, [2]for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3]This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4]who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL **LUKE 17:11-19**

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

℃ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED **BACK INSIDE COVER OF HYMNAL**

HYMN OF THE DAY "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" 895

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH **P. 215-216**

℗ Lord, in your Mercy, ℃ **Hear our Prayer.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN "GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART" 806

OFFERING PRAYER

℃ **Gracious Father, thank you for your gracious work among us. We bring before You our hearts and gifts. Kindle in us Your love to serve You and our neighbor. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

✢ Service of the Sacrament ✢ p. 216-218

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for "Before communing" and "Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament" are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

Sanctus	**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**	**507**
Angus Dei	**"Lamb of God"**	**550**

Distribution hymns

"For the Fruits of His Creation"	**894**
"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"	**893**
"O Lord, We Praise Thee"	**617**

Post-Communion canticle **"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"** **632**

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CLOSING HYMN "ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT" 883

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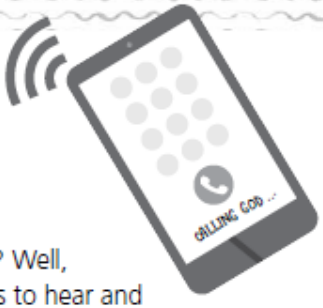
Thank you to our musicians for providing special music for today's service.

Flute: Jane Holasek, Tracy Peterson, Evelyn Dial
Clarinet: Ayla Bebo, Brea Bebo
Alto Saxophone: Kiley Mallak, Cora Bebo
Trumpet: Adam Posselt, Brielle Christen, Ella Bebo
Trombone: Levi Lee

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Wednesday 12/2 ~ 6:00-6:45 PM Advent Meal hosted by ACT
7:00 PM Worship Services
Sunday 12/6 ~ 5:00 PM Congregational Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 12/9 ~ 6:00-6:45 PM Soup Cook-Off
7:00 PM Worship Services
Sunday 12/13 ~ 10:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program
Wednesday 12/16 ~ At St. Peter Lutheran Church
6:00-6:45 PM Advent Meal
7:00 PM Worship Services
Sunday 12/20 ~ 9:15 AM Sunday School Christmas Party
Thursday 12/24 ~ 3:00 & 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
Friday 12/25 ~ 9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship with Communion

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is "prayer"?

Have you ever wanted to talk to God? Well, guess what … you can! God promises to hear and answer us when we pray. Because we want to concentrate on what we are praying and who we are praying to, we may close our eyes, fold our hands and bow our heads so that we are not distracted by the things around us. You don't have to do all that, though. You can pray anywhere and at anytime.

What should we pray for?

We not only ask God for what we need, but we praise and thank Him for what He has already given us. If you want to, you can pray to God just to talk to him. We pray especially that God would keep us strong in our faith, and that He might bring others to faith too.

Are there different types of prayer?

There are many different types of prayer. Much of our worship is prayers, including the Confession, the Agnus Dei, and the Post-Communion Canticle. You can find prayers for different times and needs on pages 305–18 in *Lutheran Service Book*.



Parents: Direct your child to the different prayers in our worship. (For example The Prayer of the Church) Turn to pages 327 in *Lutheran Service Book*. Read through Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers. Try using them at home with your children when they wake up in the morning and before they go to bed at night.

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