

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, TWIN LAKES WI

NOVEMBER 26, 2025



On Thanksgiving, most Americans are thankful for God's gift of a table overflowing with special foods, not to mention the family gathered there or the parades and football games filling the rest of the day. But when we gather together around God's Word—coming through our ears in the Readings and sermon, our thanksgiving is for something more. God has not only given us our daily bread, He has also forgiven us our trespasses. Our heavenly Father has given us His Son, the Word made flesh. Our Thanksgiving has no end!

OPENING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB #895

HYPERLINK

https://youtu.be/Y0Vd7nHS__A?si=2kBZPbzWnJPtu5T1

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

***3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.**

VESPERS

LSB p.229

PSALM 67

(Read responsively/men, odd verses/women, even verses)

LSB p.67

HYMN

“O Lord, Whose Bounteous Hand Again”
(from TLH #567 to the tune of LSB #948 “All Glory Be to God Alone”)

1 O Lord, whose bounteous hand again
Hath poured Thy gifts in plenty down,
Who all creation dost sustain
And all the earth with goodness crown,
Lord of the harvest, here we own
Our joy to be Thy gift alone.

2 Oh, may we ne'er with thankless heart
Forget from whom our blessings flow!
Still, Lord, Thy heav'nly grace impart;
Still teach us what to Thee we owe.
Lord, may our lives with fruit divine
Return Thy care and prove us Thine.

3 Lord, grant that we who sow to Thee
With joy in endless life may reap.
Of ev'ry heart the Guardian be;
By day and night Thy servants keep
That all to Thee may joy afford
On Thy great harvest-day, O Lord.
Amen.

READING

Ezra 4:1 – 5:2

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* *Alford/Elvey*

RESPONSORY LSB p. 230

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

OFFERING

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER by Rev. Johann Friedrich Starck in 1728

CLOSING HYMN *“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”* LSB # 893

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/FPzsv3p0Dvw?si=iQPK7ERWkYAvjWHH&t=32>

**1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.**

**2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness,
All things with large increase;**

**He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.**

**3 Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.**

BENEDICTION

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