

THANKSGIVING EVE.

November 27, 2024

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord 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, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

→ PREPARATION →

PRELUDE

"Thanksgiving Flourish"
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

E. Broughton arr. M. Helman

WELCOME

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INVOCATION

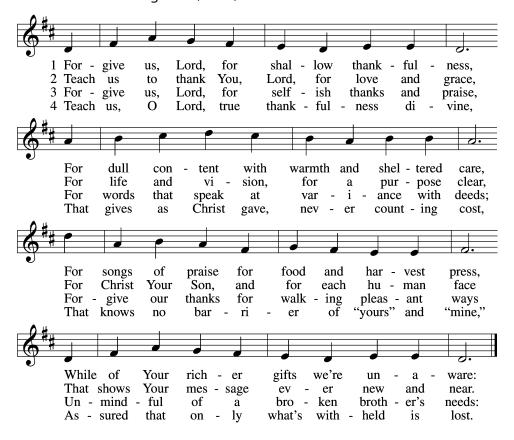
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 54:6; 79:13; 136:1; 145:10

- P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
- for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
- and all Your saints shall bless You!
- **P** I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
- We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.



- Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast, For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul, For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:
- Open our eyes to see Your love's intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height; May thankfulness be days in service spent, Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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- P I will go to the altar of God,
- **G** to God my exceeding joy.
- If we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.
- Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sin-filled people. We are by nature sinful, and sin is present in our lives each day, in thought, word, and deed. We know that we have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You require of us. We have not always lived lives that reflect thankfulness to You, the giver of all that is good. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord, who is the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully and with great gratitude here on earth until that time beyond time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.
- P Our God has promised to hear us and to grant forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you be kept steadfast in the Holy Spirit, living each day in thankfulness to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

HYMN

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806





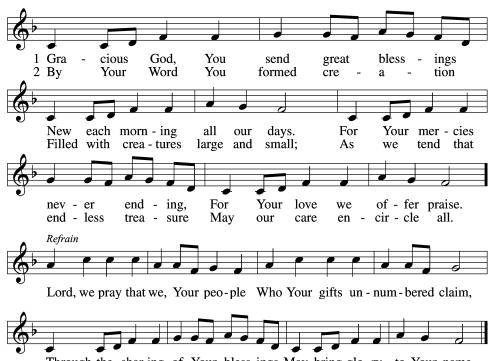
SEQUENCE OF THANKS

P Often in conjunction with the celebration of a Day of Thanksgiving, people individually express that for which they are thankful. A thankful remembrance can well be a blessing. Most important, however, is that proper thanks be directed to

the source of every blessing—to our gracious God. The sacred writer of the book of Lamentations reminds us, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end" (3:22). As those who confess the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—it is well that we direct our thanks to each person of the blessed Trinity, beginning with God the Father, our creator and preserver. After listing some of the dynamics of God's bounty in the "what does this mean" response to the First Article of the Creed, Martin Luther concludes, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him" (LSB, p. 322).

HYMN

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782 sts. 1, ref, 2



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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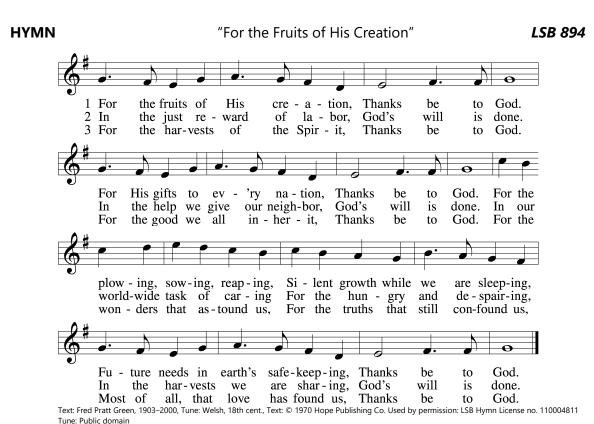
☆ SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

"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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM

"Look at the World"

J. Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:

Look at the world, and marvel
every day.

Look at the world: so many joys
And wonders, so many Miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord for all Creation, Give us thankful
Hearts, that we may see;
All the gifts we share, and
Every Blessing, All things come

Of thee.
Look at the earth bringing forth
Fruit and flower; look at the sky; the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the
Trees and mountains, valley
And flowing river, field and Plain.
Think of the spring, think of the Warmth of summer bringing
The harvest before the winter's

Cold. Everything grows, Everything has a season, till it Is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from The Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of All his bounty; He is the earth, And his the heavens above.

Philippians 4:6–20

EPISTLE READING

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

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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1

- P The eyes of all look to You, O Lord,
- and You give them their food in due season.
- P You open Your hand
- and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

- **P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- **G** His steadfast love endures forever.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

CATECHISM Nicene Creed

- Confessing faith and expressing thanks are completely linked together. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther underscored the theme of thankfulness in his explanation of the First Article of the Creed, which focuses on God the Creator. Together we say:
- **1** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- Mhat 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.
- For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
- 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.

- **G** For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
- A 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

"Harvest Home" **VOLUNTARY** D. Eliot **OFFERTORY** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" LSB 955 Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were cup sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we of - fer ta - ble with Your now. Grace our pres - ence, and A fore-taste of the feast give us to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, giving thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- A Gracious God, gratefully we remember Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. We thank You,
- for Your steadfast love endures forever.
- A Let us pray for the church, here and around the world, giving thanks for the joyful message of the Gospel as it is faithfully proclaimed from generation to generation.
- Almighty God, we thank You for the church, where Your Holy Spirit gathers us as Your people to receive Your gifts and celebrate Your goodness. Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who give witness to Your unchanging love. We thank You,
- for Your steadfast love endures forever.
- Let us pray for the world in which we live, giving thanks for the amazing place in which we live and asking that we may readily share the bounty we receive from the hand of the Lord.
- A Caring God, we thank You for the world in which we live as together we pray for the community of nations around the globe. Continue to give us all things needful and grant that we may be good stewards of the earth. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be centers of welcome and compassion. We thank You,
- **G** for Your steadfast love endures forever.
- Let us pray for those people who are blessings to us in our homes, in our communities, and beyond, remembering our local emergency workers, our national defenders, and the many workers in the agricultural fields across our nation and beyond.
- (A) Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Bless the military forces of our nation, those stationed

both at home and abroad, who selflessly serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. We remember those whose labor brings a rich variety of food to our tables in this and in every season. We thank You,

- for Your steadfast love endures forever.
- A Let us pray for those with special needs for compassion at this time, that they may know the care of the Lord and our care as well. Let us also bring thankfully to mind those who have completed their earthly journey and now rejoice in the Lord's eternal kingdom.
- Lord of time and of eternity, we remember in our petitions those with special concerns and needs including the ill, the hospitalized, and the homebound, [including...], those who sorrow, the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that we find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need our concern and our care. On this Day of Thanksgiving, we also recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. May we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to be Your agents of blessing during our earthly lives as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together and give You eternal thanks and praise. We thank You,
- for Your steadfast love endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

The peace of the Lord may be exchanged.

★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

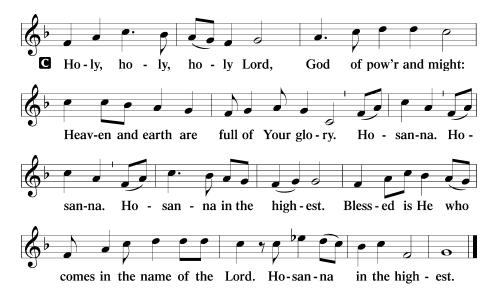
PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **■** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS SB 161



Lord's Prayer

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;

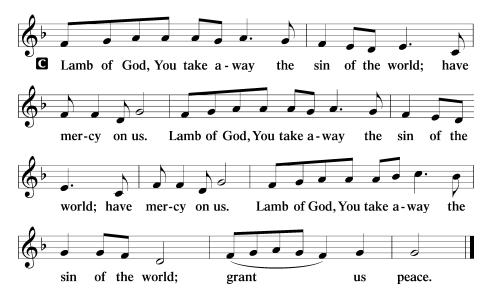
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI LSB 163



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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VOLUNTARY

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

"Come ye Thankful People Come"

"We Gather Together"

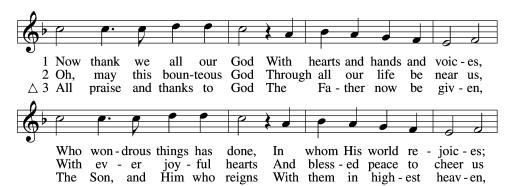
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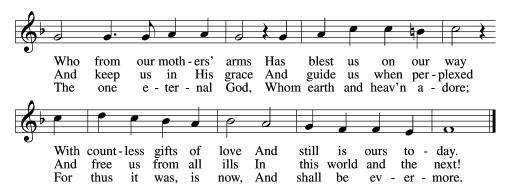
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895





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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- **P** Let us bless God together.
- My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless His holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all His blessings. It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, and who fills your life with good things. Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules. My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, and to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts both now and forever. Amen.

SEQUENCE OF THANKS

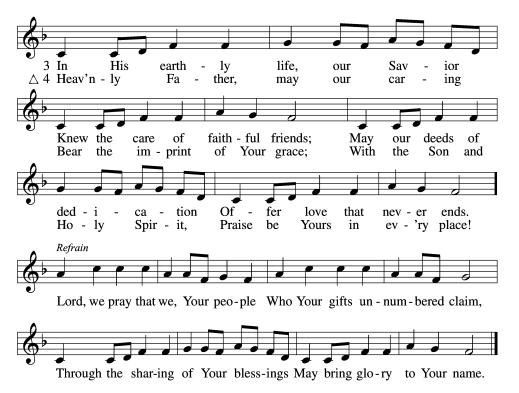
As God's thankful people, we praise God the Son for His work of redemption and for His blessed example of giving thanks. In the familiar "Words of Our Lord" at the time of Holy Communion, we are reminded that when Jesus was at the Table with the disciples in the Upper Room on the night He was betrayed, He gave thanks. Jesus gave thanks as part of His worship life, and He lived His daily life with gratefulness, interacting graciously with friends and followers alike. Also we give thanks to the Holy Spirit, who dwells in our hearts and who richly and daily blesses

God's people with priceless gifts that strengthen our fellowship on earth and give us a foretaste of heaven.



"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

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PRAYER

- Let us pray. Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- C Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. S. Karg-Elert

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