

Thanksgiving Eve Service



Trinity Lutheran Church

November 22, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

Pastor: Grant Fischer

GATHERING

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!”

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, extends his arms of welcome to all who enter this house of worship. We come to express our thankfulness for the abundance of good things God provides. May our service of Thanksgiving this evening be an expression of “giving thanks to the Lord” and an encouragement “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.” Therefore, as we assemble to offer our thanks to God for the bountiful blessings we have received, may the Holy Spirit move our hearts to reach out and help the less fortunate in our world. Join us for pie following the service. God bless your Thanksgiving holiday with a safe and happy celebration!

PRELUDE / PARISH NOTICES/ BELL

INVOCATION

God’s grace has gathered us here today, the God whom Jesus called “Abba,” and to whom Jesus breathed his prayers; the God who breathed fresh air into Jesus’ tomb on Easter’s dawn; the God who breathes on us each day with the refreshing and invigorating wind of the Holy Spirit. **We are grateful. Amen**

We are God’s grateful people. We rejoice as cheerful receivers.

God is sheer beauty, all generous in love, loyal forever and ever. Amen!

OPENING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW #693



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God’s own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God’s own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The first reading is from Deuteronomy chapter 8, verses 7-18.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in 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 where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

*Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; **and to you shall vows be performed,**
O you who answer prayer! **To you all flesh shall come.***

*When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, **you forgive our transgressions.***

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

*By your strength you established the mountains; **you are girded with might.***

*You silence the roaring of the seas, **the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.***

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

*You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; **the river of God is full of water;***

you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

*You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, **softening it with showers,**
and blessing its growth.*

*You crown the year with your bounty; **your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**
The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The second reading is from 2 Corinthians chapter 9, verses 6-15.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Now Thank We All Our God

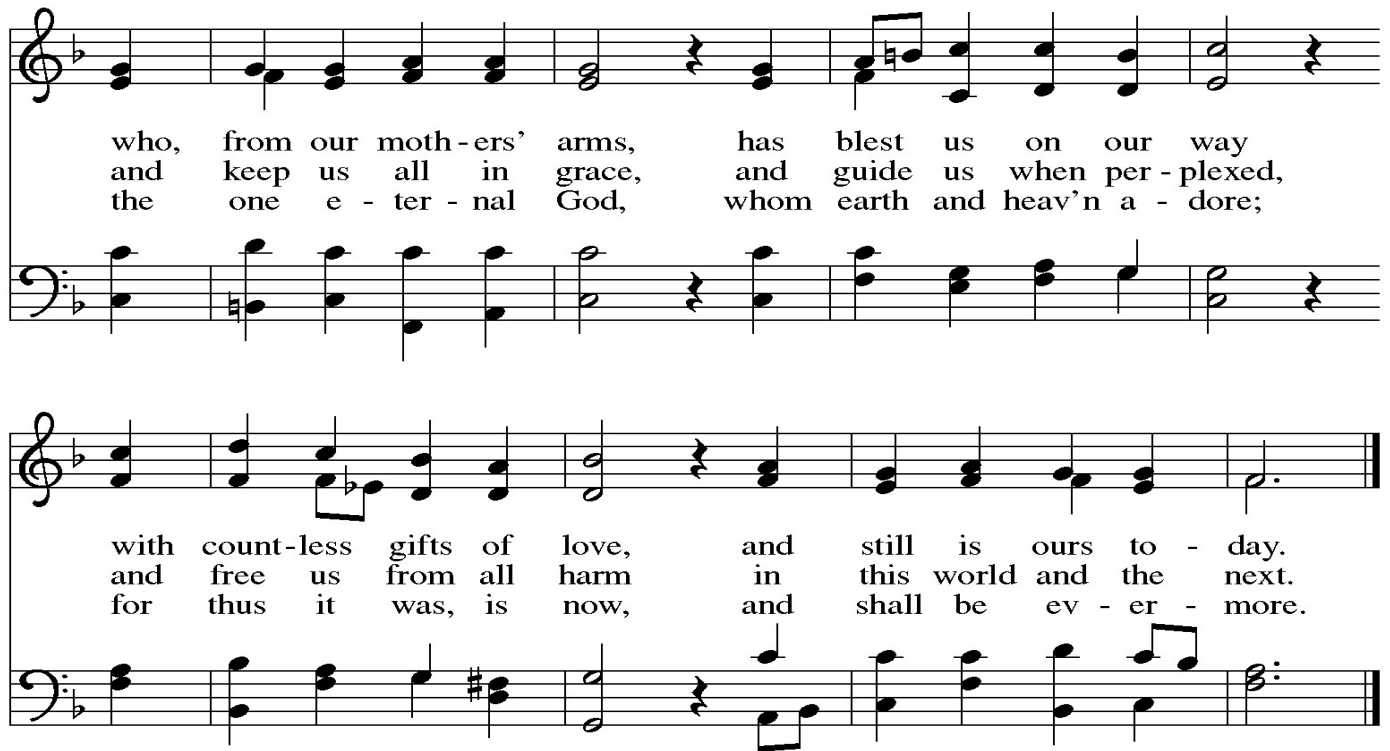
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



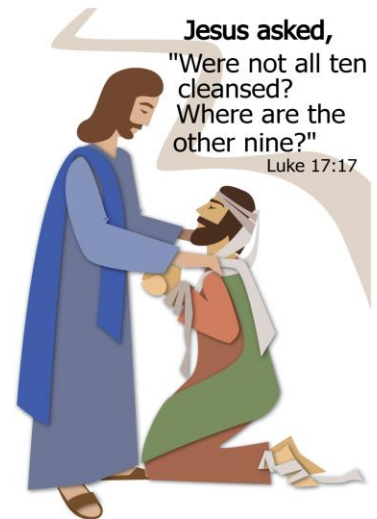
GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, 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 made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer



SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733 Vs. 1&2

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the
Ho - ly One; Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus
Christ, His Son. Give Son. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us; And us. Give
us. Give thanks.

D.S. al Coda

(Please sign the Friendship Pads and pass to your neighbor... The Thankoffering this evening is being given to the ministries of WELCA. The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF JESUS

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Let There Be Peace on Earth

F Dm B♭ C F Dm B♭ C F

10 Dm Gm C Let there be peace on earth And let it be -
gin with me. Dm G G7

17 Am A7 Let there be peace on earth The
peace that was meant to be. With God our Cre - a - tor Am

24 B♭ C F Dm G C Fam - 'ly all are we. Let us walk with each oth - er
Dm G C7 Dm Gm

32 C In per - fect har - mo - ny. Let peace be - gin with
F Dm Gm C F Dm

40 C Let this be the mo - ment now. With ev - 'ry
G G7 Am A7

47 F I take Let this be my so - lemn vow. To
F7/A B♭

53 take each mo - ment And each mo - ment With peace e -
G F C Dm F

58 Gm nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth, and
C F C7 F

65 let it be - gin with me, with me!

BELL

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Accompanist: Mary Mulry
Acolyte: Anders Coulson
Reader: Dave Vosbeck
Message: Pastor Grant Fischer
Sound Tech: Russ Sorensen

Usher/Greeter: Keith Lendt, Doug Domeier, and Harold & Bonnie Pettis





*Join us in Fellowship Hall
For pie and coffee following the service.
Happy Thanksgiving!*



SPECIAL OFFERINGS –During the month of November, we think of our abundance and willingness to share with others less fortunate. For this reason, the Board of Stewardship designates the Thanksgiving Eve offering to World Hunger. Gifts are accepted for this initiative to the end of the year.

The second special offering that is usually emphasized in November is the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. These funds are all sent into the churchwide office to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Blue envelopes were placed in your narthex mailbox but your regular envelopes can be used – just designate your gift in the special giving area for Thankoffering. Thank you.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA for \$12.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 10th. You have the option of ordering a red, white, or pink poinsettia. Please specify when you sign up. You are welcome to take your plant following the Christmas Morning services on Sunday, December 24th.



IT'S TIME TO BAKE THAT DOUBLE BATCH or two of your favorite Christmas cookies to donate to the cookie walk. Our sale is from 10:00 – 11:00 on Sunday morning, December 17th. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church library by Saturday, December 16th at Noon if possible. **All money earned from YOUR baking will help fund those in need here is Sleepy Eye and the greater Southwestern Minnesota Area.** Thank you.

LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED Monday, December 11th between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Please sign up in the office. Come when you can! Please spread the word to your family and friends about this great bake sale. Contact Darlene Brummund, Administrative Secretary, with any questions at 794-5051 or 276-8013. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!

*O give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good.*

