

Thanksgiving Eve Service



Trinity Lutheran Church

November 27th, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

Pastor: David Nissen

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 as we welcome Pastor David Nissen to Trinity. 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**

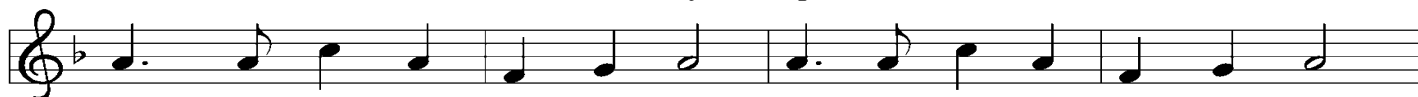
We are God’s grateful people. We rejoice as cheerful receivers.

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

OPENING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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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.**



Trinity Choir

WORD

FIRST READING

Joel 2:2

The first reading is in Joel chapter 2, verses 21-27.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

Our next reading is Psalm 126.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy:2:1-7

The second reading is in 1 Timothy chapter 2, verses 1-7.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

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

Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor David Nissen

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

I'm Thankful

*The Vosbeck Girls
Dana & Kristi*

OFFERING



(Please sign the Friendship Pads and pass to your neighbor... The Thankoffering this evening is being given to the ministries of WELCA. Please use a pew envelope. 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.

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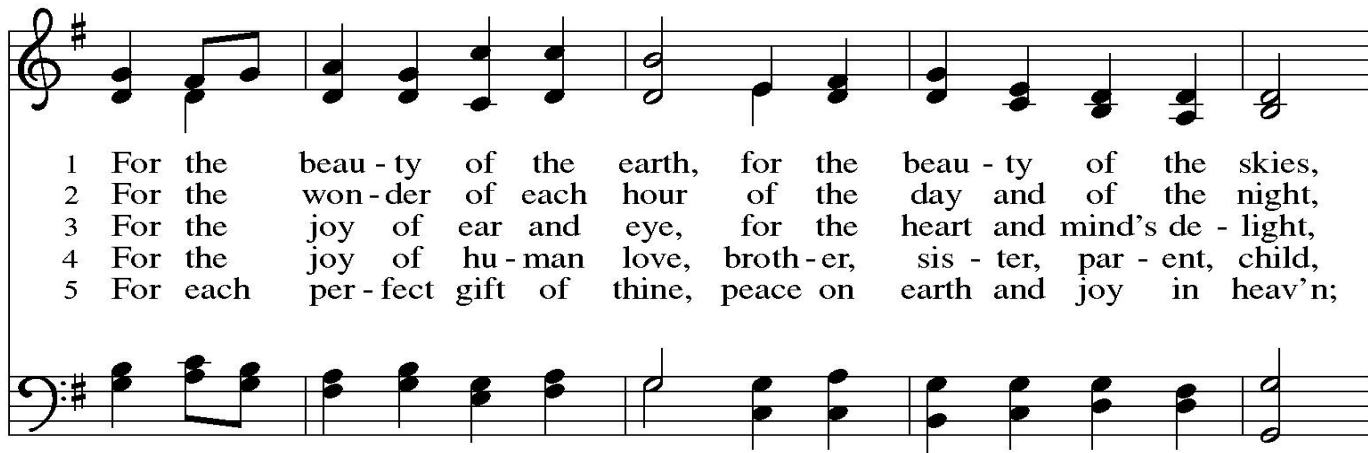
COMMUNION BLESSING

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

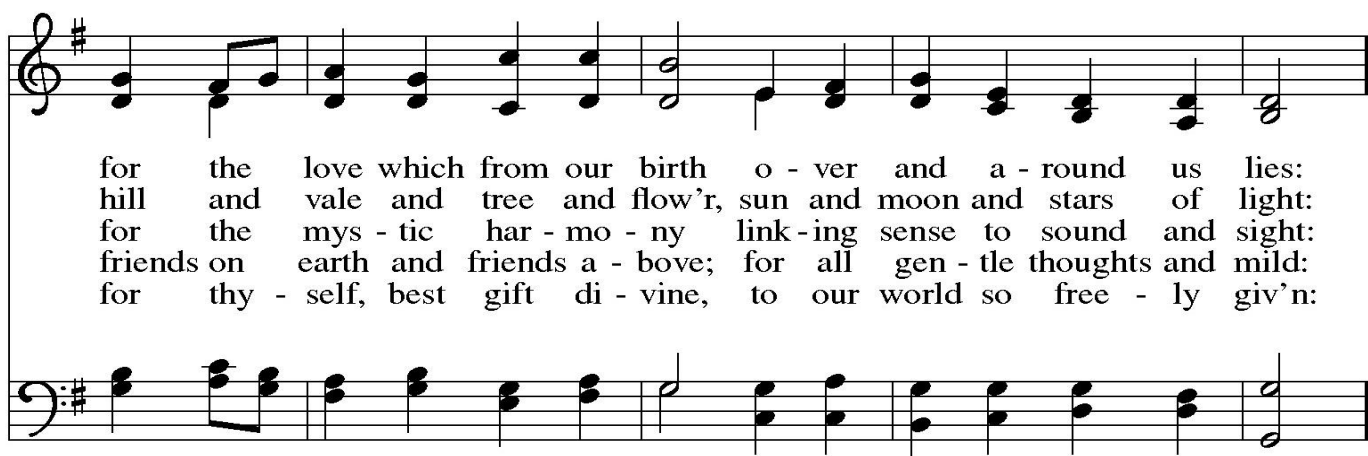
SENDING

BLESSING

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



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

POSTLUDE

Accompanist: Mary Mulry

Acolyte: Davin Sues

Reader: Neil Neidt

Communion Assistants: Brian Polesky, Darlene Brummund

Sound Tech: Russ Sorensen

Ushers/Greeter: Keith Lendt, Lee Johnson, and Darlene Brummund



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

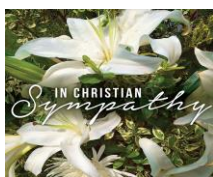


IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA for \$14.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 12th. You have the option of ordering a red, white, or pink poinsettia. Please specify when you sign up. You are welcome to take your plant following the Christmas Eve services on Tuesday, December 24th.

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT DOUBLE BATCH or two of your favorite Christmas cookies to donate to the cookie walk. Our sale is in the library on Sunday morning, December 12th, following the Christmas Program. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen Friday or Saturday, **December 14th by 5:00 pm** if possible. **We need everyone's help to help those in need!**



LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED Tuesday, December 10th 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. Our goodies will be available Sunday morning, December 15th. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 276-8013. **All proceeds go to people in need with supplemental funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!**



We send our Deepest Sympathies to Shari Hittesdorf and the family and friends of **Sharon "Bootsie" Remus**, who passed away on Sunday, November 24th. She will be laid to rest with a private service on Saturday. God bless the memory of Sharon Remus.

