

DAY OF THANKSGIVING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021 6:30PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 10:00AM

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Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Word of Life Lutheran School



WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship

8:15 am Sunday Worship

9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class

11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

Thanksgiving can be a time when families come together to celebrate and give thanks to God for all that He has given us. These times of celebration can also be times of tension, stress, and conflict due to challenges in the relationships. Thanksgiving can also be a time of loss as we grieve those who are no longer with us. In all these things, we gather to give thanks to the God who has created all people and who desires all people to be saved through the knowledge of the saving truth about His Son, Jesus.

PRELUDE

Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

WELCOME

✝ PREPARATION ✝

(Please Stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

LSB 892

Come, Ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Deuteronomy 8:6*

(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)

P God has given us all we need to support our lives, and yet we often fail to return thanks for all He has given us. We often take for granted the abundant blessings He has poured into our lives. We have often hungered for more, rather than being content with what the Lord has given. We now turn to the Lord, seeking His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have taken Your good gifts without returning thanks. Forgive us for our grumbling. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your good gifts and walk in Your glorious way.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given many good gifts to you, but the greatest of all was His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus has died and is risen for you and your salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We return thanks to the Lord for His forgiveness. We remember all His good gifts.**

(or)

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philipians 1:6*

C **Amen. We return thanks to the Lord for His forgiveness. We remember all His good gifts.**

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE: SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

LSB 893, v. 1 & 2

**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.**

**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.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning, and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C **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;**

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10* (“Man does not live on bread alone.”)

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. ²And 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. ³And 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. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 67*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,

Women: *that Your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.*

**Men: *Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!***

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Women: *Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!*

Men: ***The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.***

Pastor: God shall bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

All: **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.**

EPISTLE Philippians 4:6-20

⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

GOSPEL VERSE: PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

LSB 789, v. 1

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19* (Jesus heals the ten lepers.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P 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,

C **“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”**

P When He saw them He said to them,
C “Go and show yourselves to the priests.”

P 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,
C “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

P And He said to him,
C “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

CREED - CATECHISM *The First Article*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
P What does this mean?

C 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. 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. 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.

(Please be Seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY FOR THE FRUITS OF HIS CREATION

LSB 894

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW *LSB 805*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

C **for food, health, clothing, and our homes.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for the many freedoms we enjoy in this land.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for leaders, teachers, preachers, family, and friends.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for the gifts You give to Your Church,**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.**

Silence for giving thanks to God

P Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your kingdom.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*) *The Fourth Petition*

P With thanksgiving, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

C **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P What does this mean?

C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Amen.**

HYMN VERSE: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks, give thanks.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

✠ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS✠

HYMN: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

LSB 785

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;

We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God our fathers, we bless You;

Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,

And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer

And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

HYMN: How Great Thou Art

LSB 801

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain:*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

HYMN ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING

LSB 732

All depends on our possessing. God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken. By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me. And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.

Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.

If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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(Please Stand)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *Based on Psalm 113:3; Philippians 4:6–7*

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **may the name of the Lord be praised.**

P Without anxiety or fear, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, offer Your requests to God.

C **And may the peace of God which surpasses all our understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

P The blessing of almighty God—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you now and forever.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: REJOICE, O PILGRIM THROG

LSB 813

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain

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POSTLUDE

Organ

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WORSHIP NOTES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Gabe Maichel, organist;

ALTAR FLOWERS:

ALTAR GUILD: 6:30 ; 10:00

ELDERS: 6:30 ; 10:00

USHERS: Volunteers

ASKING A BLESSING AND RETURNING THANKS

The following prayers are contained in Luther's Small Catechism as ways to ask for a pre-meal blessing and return thanks following the meal. Consider incorporating these as part of your Thanksgiving celebration.

Asking a Blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. *(Psalm 145:15–16)*

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. *(Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)*

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Advent & Christmas Schedule 2021



WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

*December 1, 8, 15, 2021 6:30 pm in church
(no suppers this year)*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2021 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

December 24, 2021 11:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

December 25, 2021 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

December 31, 2021, 5:00 pm

It's that time of the year again! We are asking for donations for the poinsettias and decorations that beautify our church for the Advent Christmas season. If you would like to order a poinsettia and/or contribute to the decorations for our church during the holiday season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your donation. Each poinsettia ordered is \$8.50. Please indicate if you will pick up your poinsettia. All plants will be discarded on 1/8/2022.

Name _____

Poinsettia # _____ Amount \$ _____

Decoration Amount \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

I will _____ I will not _____ pick up my poinsettia after 1/1/2022

Dedication: _____
