

THANKSGIVING EVE
6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
November 23rd, 2022



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #892

“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 Thou 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.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** O LORD, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom have You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures.
These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.
- C** **When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- P** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the ground.
- C** **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Thanksgiving is a day we set aside as a nation to give thanks to our God who graciously gives us all things.
- In one of Paul's letters to Timothy, he urges that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." For each one of us there are people we struggle to be thankful for.
- We confess our struggles and our sins to God,
seeking His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Silence for personal confession

- P** God created this world and everything in it,
including all of the people who live in it.
According to God's gracious will, He "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
Here's the truth: God loves the people of this world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.
By the command of Christ and through the power of the cross,
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN #785

“We Praise You, O God”

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1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

THE APOSTLES' CREED – The First Article: Creation

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD – CREATION

Psalm 33:6-9

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN 537:1 & 4

“Beautiful Savior”

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

THE APOSTLES' CREED – The Second Article: Redemption

P And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
 begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man,
 born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
 who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
 purchased and won me from all sins, from death,
 and from the power of the devil;
 not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood
 and with His innocent suffering and death,
 that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom
 and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence,
 and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead,
 lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

THE WORD OF THE LORD – REDEMPTION

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
 and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
 you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified,
 and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN 571:1-2

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.

THE APOSTLES' CREED – The Third Article: Sanctification

P I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

THE WORD OF THE LORD – SANCTIFICATION 1 Corinthians 12:3

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN #790

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

SERMON

OFFERING HYMN #894

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

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1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+++ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +++

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.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with You.

*We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.
Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*

*If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before
or are unsure about what is taking place, please talk to Pastor Meyer.*

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

INSTRUMENTAL COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #895

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

POSTLUDE