

THANKSGIVING EVE

All that is good has come from God!

November 25, 2020

AS WE GATHER

"They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwelling against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength, and had all things in good plenty; for as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercised in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All summer there was no want. And now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first, but afterward decreased by degrees. And besides water fowl, there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had about a peck a meal a week to a person, and now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion.

---And thus they found the Lord to be with them in all their ways, and to bless their out-goings and in-comings..."

(Governor William Bradford writes about the background for the Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621, their first fall in the New World.)

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The LORD's SUPPER, also known as the "Eucharist" (meaning "Thanksgiving") is God's gift to us in Jesus Christ. This will be celebrated this evening at Messiah. We believe in the Biblical teaching that we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). If you have any questions about partaking in this Holy Sacrament, please speak with a pastor.

Children and other attendees who have not yet had instruction to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with folded hands to receive a blessing.

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† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INVOCATION “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

LSB 892

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!

Psalm 9:1-2

People: I will remember all of the wonderful things
You have done for me!!

Pastor: I will be glad and praise You!

People: I will sing praises to Your holy Name!!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our God is wonderful and just. He is worthy of all our praise. It is with grateful hearts that we know He will hear our cries for forgiveness as we confess our sins together before Him.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. I have not loved You with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and His sacrifice on the cross, have mercy on me. Forgive me. Renew me. Cleanse me so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.

Pastor: God's mercy is new every morning. May our hearts always be thankful that His promise is always true. In the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God revealed His love and His infinite mercy to you. *Your sins are forgiven* in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Hymn "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" LSB 806

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

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. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten

cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

¹⁹And he said to him, "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.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Hymn

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

LSB 893

1 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.

2 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.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

Sermon "God Provides"

1 King 17: 8-16

Offering

Prayers

Pastor: Almighty God, You are like an eternal fountain that gushes forth abundantly nothing but what is good. Your love, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul.

Thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit so that we may passionately acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us and serve You every day of our lives.

People: Thank You, Lord, Your love endures forever.

Pastor: Thank You for the strength of Your Church with its ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

Thank You for richly and daily providing

Your Church with caring pastors and teachers so that we may grow in our faith in Jesus Christ and the understanding of Your will.

People: Thank You, Lord, Your love endures forever.

Pastor: Thank You for the government and leaders You have provided for our protection. Thank You for providing Your wisdom for us and for our president, our governor, and all national, state, and local leaders as well as the leaders of the church, so that we might follow Your Will in the Holy Scriptures.

People: Thank You, Lord, Your love endures forever.

Pastor: Thank You for Your provision of all that we have and all that we are. Thank You for giving us a society that may be able to obtain moral strength, integrity, and vibrancy in You.

People: **Thank You, Lord, Your love endures forever.**

Pastor: Thank You for giving us peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ as we live out our lives on earth, thank You for healing our divisions with understanding and efforts to seek peace and community.

People: **Thank You, Lord, Your love endures forever.**

Pastor: Thank You for caring for us during times of illness and sorrow, pain, and loss. Thank you for being there for those who continue to be in such need, especially.... Thank You for often being their comfort and supporting them according to Your good and gracious will.

People: **Thank You, Lord, Your love endures forever.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, grateful for Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”	LSB 895
	(*stand at end - remain standing)	
1	Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers’ arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.	
2	Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills	

In this world and the next!

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All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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. 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

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the lord.
Ho-san-an in the high-est.

PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-

availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Thank You for forgiving, renewing and strengthening us in your Word and Spirit. Gather us together daily, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with the unity only found in You. Fill us with thanksgiving, gratitude, fellowship, and warmth especially in this cold, dark season.

People: Amen.

People: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB 686
- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
 Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand’ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

“We Praise You, O God” LSB 785

1 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.

2 We worship You, God of 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.

3 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!

“For the Fruits of His Creation” LSB 894

- 1 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 safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.
- 2 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 worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 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.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

THANK THE LORD

Sing: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage. Watch over us as Your children, not forsaking us, but ruling our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we may

gratefully serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 “Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB 789

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.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor
 We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
 We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
 We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
 For daily bread.

3 Father, providing
 Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
 Teach us to share
One with another,
 So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
 May know Your care.

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