



THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL SERVICE

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD God
for the good land that he has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10*

November 27 and 28, 2019

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN 613

Come, You Thankful People, Come

**Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall 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 weeds 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 weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.**

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

INVOCATION

**M In the name of the Father,
C who richly and daily supplies us with all we need for this body and life;**

**M In the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
C who purchased and won us, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood,
and his innocent suffering and death;**

M In the name of the Holy Spirit,
C **who calls me by the gospel, sanctifies and keeps me in the one true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M Heavenly Father, we have been so richly blessed by you.
C **Yet we confess, Father, that we easily forget all the blessings of this life that you shower on us every day. We get caught up in this life and forget that you are the giver of all good things.**

All **Forgive us, Father, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

M Dear Jesus, thank you for coming into the world to be our Savior.
C **Yet, dear Savior, we so often forget the agony you suffered on our behalf, and how you willingly took the punishment of our sins upon yourself to give us forgiveness and life.**

All **Forgive us, Lord Jesus.**

M Holy Spirit, you have called us to faith in Jesus Christ, and have continued to work in our hearts and lives to mold us into the people you have called us to be.

C **We must confess, however, that we often forget our calling as your holy people, and live as if it did not matter.**

All **Forgive us, Lord. Continue your sanctifying work within our hearts and lives.**

M Although we often forget that every blessing comes from God, God still remembers his covenant, in which he promises, "For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more." Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thank you, Lord, for remembering your promises to us.**

HOLY BAPTISM (*Wednesday*)

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HYMN OF PRAISE HYMN 610

Now Thank We All Our God

**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 mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Bible page 788

The LORD promises to graciously restore his people and bless their lives with an abundance of good things.

PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

M Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C **Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

M For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

C **In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

M The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

C **Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

M for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

C **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.**

GOSPEL

John 17:20-26, Bible page 1084

Jesus prayer for all believers that they may be one forever with each other and with the Father.

HYMN 611

For the Fruit of His Creation

**For the fruit 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 be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be 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

Philippians 1:3-11, Bible page 1178

Welcome Home to a Place of Prayer

- 1. Where we give thanks for our Christian family**
- 2. Where we pray for continued faithfulness**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

M What does this mean?

All 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, spouse 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Wednesday)*

(Thursday)

Thanksgiving Prelude, Brass Ensemble
by Stephen Bulla

Give Thanks to the Lord, Called to Sing
by Michele & Jon Eiche

OFFERING PRAYER

M Merciful Father,

C with joy and thanksgiving we offer what you have first given us — our lives, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty God, you show your love to us each day. You provide the necessities of life for the evil as well as the good; you send the rain on the just and the unjust.

C Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.

M We give you thanks, Lord, for giving us the greatest blessing that we need — faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, and what he has given to us in his cross and resurrection.

C Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.

M We give you thanks for the many gifts with which you have blessed us in this congregation. Help us to use them in service to you.

C **Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.**

M For all the blessings you give us each day—food to eat, a place to sleep, clothes to wear, and all we need for this body and life—we give you our thanks and praise.

C **Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.**

M Lord Jesus, your forgiveness is so free to us. Freely have we received it; may we freely give it to those who have sinned against us. If there is someone on our hearts right now with whom we are having difficulties, give us grace to deal with them even as you would.

C **Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Heavenly Father, you remember your mercies to us each and every day. Meet these needs and bless these people as only you can.

C **Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.**

M Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Father, to us you've given all
Your blessings now despite our fall;
For all our needs you thus provide,
And through our lives you safely guide.

O Lord, we thank you for your cross,
On which you suffered for our loss;
Triumphant over death and grave
You rose for life, our souls to save.

CLOSING PRAYER

M On this great day of thanksgiving, we offer you, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done and continue to do for us. We especially give you thanks for giving us your only-begotten Son, that through faith in him, we might have life in his name. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he might continually strengthen our faith producing in us a faith that gives thanks to you at all times and in all situations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

M Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you and + give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN 329, vv. 1, 2

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE (*Wednesday*) **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Douglas Smith

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday Advent services: December 4, 11, and 18, at 3:30 and 7:00 pm
No soup suppers between services this year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Bridge Christmas Eve Worship Service: Noon
Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Services: 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion: 10:00 am



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.
