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THANKSGIVING

Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

November 25, 2020—6:30 pm and

November 26, 2020—9:30 am

AS WE GATHER

“It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us.” These words written by President Woodrow Wilson for Thanksgiving one hundred years ago are just as timely now as they were then. We are a blessed people, and there is so much for which we can turn in praise and thanksgiving to God! As the Lord Jesus sets a Thanksgiving banquet before you today in His Word, join with your Christian family to turn and give Him thanks and praise for the saving work He does in your life. “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1).

** - Congregation will rise*

WELCOME

BELLS

PRELUDE..... “Fanfare on Thaxted”—Hildebrand

OPENING HYMN..... “Now Thank We All Our God” - #895

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!

Δ 3 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.

***INVOCATION**

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

People: **Amen.**

***OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 69:30; 100:4-5*

Pastor: I will praise the name of God with a song;

People: **I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

People: **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Pastor: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

People: **and His faithfulness to all generations.**



***CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, to bow before Him in thanksgiving, and to receive Christ’s body and blood in the eucharistic feast, let us first confess before our holy God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We daily fall short of His glory. We can never purify ourselves from our sins. Together, as one family in Jesus Christ, let us seek our Father’s cleansing forgiveness.

In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord.

Pastor: Together, we pray:

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: **Amen.**

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PSALM OF THE DAY..... Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

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

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

Leader: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

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

People: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" - #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.**

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***SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE Philippians 4:6-20

(God supplies our every need in Christ Jesus.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***VERSE** *Psalm 136:1*

People: **Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.**

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 17:11-19

(Only one who is healed returns to Jesus in praise.)

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" - #941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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SERMON..... “Give Thanks” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

GIVE THANKS

*in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



***CREED**..... Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING ANTHEM “We Gather Together” - Borwick

***OFFERTORY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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.**

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the country in which we live and work, that our land would turn to Christ in praise and thanksgiving for all His blessings and mercies, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings throughout our land!

Pastor: For the Church and her faithful witness throughout the world, that all who serve our Savior may make Him known in word and action, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in Your Church on earth!

Pastor: For all who lead others in our homes and workplaces, that our vocations may be opportunities to serve the One who served us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in our homes and workplaces!

Pastor: For Immanuel Lutheran Church, that our study and proclamation of God’s Word may always lead us to praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in the life of our congregation!

Pastor: For all who come to the Lord for healing, that they may experience the healing work of Jesus and always turn to Him in thanksgiving and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of healing us in body and in soul!**

Pastor: For these and all other needs we have—both spoken and unspoken—that we may boldly pray as children in the presence of our loving Father, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of answered prayers! Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. With Your ancient people Israel, who remembered Your blessings even as they journeyed through the wilderness, we recall the many wonders You have done. In the wonder of all wonders, You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood, thereby receiving Your healing and forgiveness.

Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**



***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”



***PAX DOMINI**

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

People: Amen.

***AGNUS DEI** (*Sung—Page 163*)

People: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Praise and Thanksgiving” - #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.

- 1 **Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**

- 2 **With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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** *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

***HYMN**.....“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” - #733

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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***POSTLUDE**

SOLI DEO GLORIA



PARTICIPANTS

Preacher Rev. Scott Schmieding

Liturgist Rev. Allen Schade (6:30); Rev. Ryan Taylor & Vicar Kurt Hellwig (9:30)

Organist..... Mr. Andrew Schempf

Instrumentalists.....Brass Ensemble

Acolyte..... Luke Huster (6:30); Riley Henderson (9:30)

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