

Thanksgiving Eve

November 23, 2011



From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16

A Service of Thanksgiving to God

PRESERVICE

Now Thank We All Our God
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Performed by the Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

HYMN

For the Fruit of His Creation
Christian Worship #611

STAND



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU *Psalm 141*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 7/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to you come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth, quarter, and half notes, rests, and a repeat sign at the end.

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
O Lord, I call to you come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 65 (*Choir will sing the verses, congregation may join to sing the refrains and verse 7*)

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Praise awaits / you, O God,*
you call forth / songs of joy.
2. You care for the land and / water it;*
you soften it with showers and / bless its crops.
3. The streams of God are filled with / water*
to provide the peo- / ple with grain.

Refrain

4. You crown the year with your / bounty,*
and your carts overflow with a- / bundance.

5. The grasslands of the desert / overflow;*
the hills are clothed with / gladness.

6. The meadows are covered with flocks and the
valleys are man- / tled with grain;*
They shout for / joy and sing.

7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son***
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

PSALM PRAYER

M: Bountiful Lord God, your presence fills our hearts with joy and your blessing nourishes our souls with peace. Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may see and appreciate these gifts as tokens of your amazing love to your glory and praise; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back,

praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

BE SEATED

HYMN

We Thank You for Your Blessings
Christian Worship #615

SERMON

Isaiah 61:10-11

Thank God for His Greatest Blessing

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as

a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

STAND

THANK THE LORD

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev - 'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BE SEATED

OFFERING *Members of Grace demonstrate their thankfulness to God with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Praise You, O God
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

STAND

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent Prayer

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: **Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

BE SEATED

VOICES OF GRACE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Setting by Healey Willan

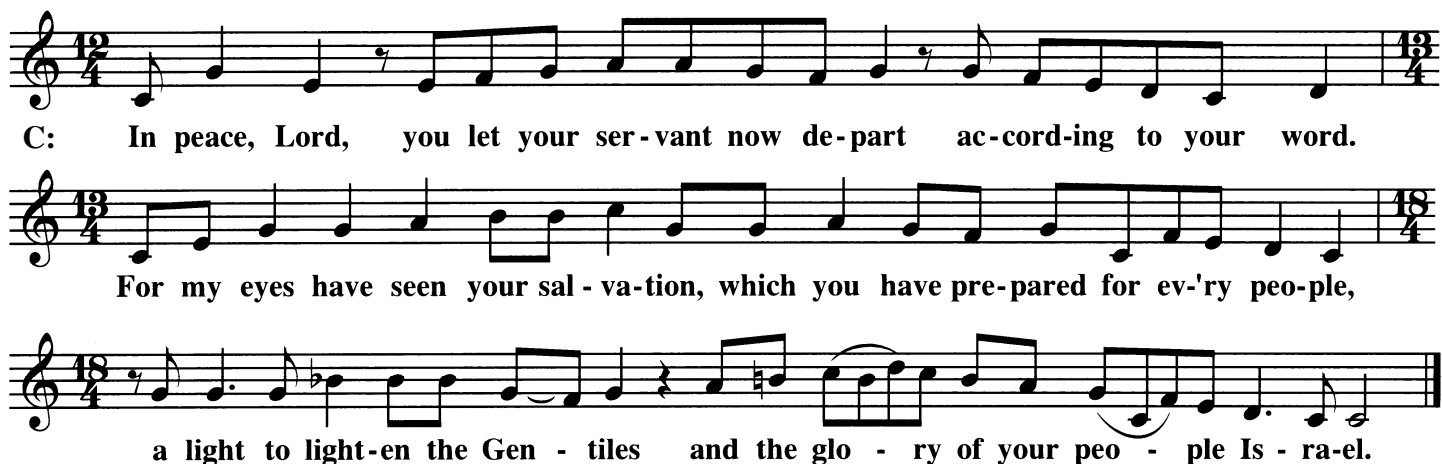
STAND

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

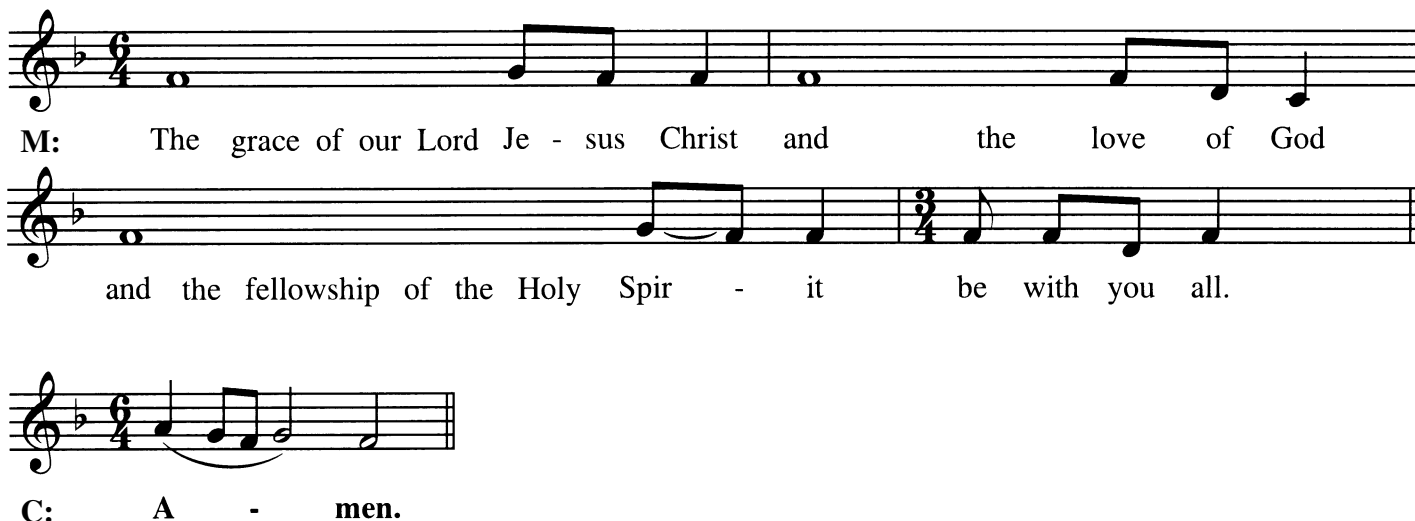


C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your sal - va-tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple,

a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra-el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God
Christian Worship #610

POSTLUDE

Give Thanks
By Henry Smith

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Service Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Organist Tina Christianson
Voices of Grace Director Beth Kassulke
Baritones Taylor Parra, Eileen Rayman
Trombone..... John Rayman
Horn Cora Kosanke
Trumpets..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Ron Koehler, Tyler Koehler
Brass Ensemble Director Missy Wiechmann

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening. We hope you are able to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy some Thanksgiving pies and desserts and the company of Christian friends!
May God bless your Thanksgiving Day!

Please join us for Sunday worship at 7:45 or 10 AM with Adult Bible Study and Children’s Sunday School in between the services.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, November 30, December 7, December 14
at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM with a supper at 6:00 PM.

Christmas Eve Children’s Service

Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Day Festival Worship

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 AM.

*Please note that there will only be one service that day.

New Year’s Eve Worship

Saturday, December 31 at 7:00 PM.