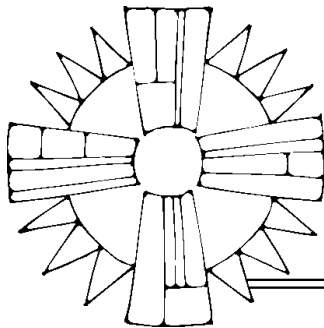




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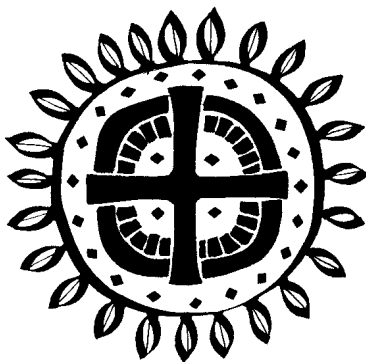
THANKSGIVING DAY

November 24 and 25, 2021

Today's focus: *Give thanks to the Lord!* Happy Thanksgiving! Today we pause to give praise and thanks to our gracious God. As we reflect upon his Word, we will discover that the concept of a Thanksgiving celebration far predates the Pilgrims. In Deuteronomy chapter 6, God inspired Moses to provide the ingredients for an ongoing, spiritual Thanksgiving feast. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever!

Pre-service, Wednesday 7:00pm: "How Great Thou Art" (*arr. by Lorie Line*)

Piano: Paula Danekas



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We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction *(This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.)*

Responsive Litany

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name.

C: Make known among the nations what He has done.

M: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;

C: Tell of all His wonderful acts.

M: Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

C: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

M: O heavenly Father, how good You are to us! Day after day You pour out blessings upon us, showering us with gifts of food and drink, clothing and shoes, money and goods, family and friends. We are unworthy of all the kindnesses which You've shown to us. Forgive us, Lord!

C: Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness. Rather than giving thanks for Your gifts, we selfishly complain, and foolishly worry. Forgive us for doubting Your care, for focusing too much on this life, and too little on eternal life. Have mercy on us, O God!

M: Take heart, children of God, for God has given You the greatest gift of all—the gift of His Son. Jesus lived, died, and rose—all for you. Because of Jesus, your sins are forgiven and washed away, they are removed from you as far as the east is from the west.

C: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

M: The Lord is the great God, the great King above all “gods.”

C: In His hands are the deep places of the earth.

M: The sea is His for He made it!

C: His hands formed the dry lands.

M: O come! Let us worship and bow down!

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

M: for He is our God.


C: We are the people of His pasture, the sheep under His care.

Prayer of the Day

M: 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.

Opening Hymn: #612, verses 1,2,4 “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -
4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you
crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,
of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love
Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain— Lord, for these our
For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through
God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

Text: Anna L. Barbauld, 1743–1825, abr., alt.

Tune: Dix (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.

We Listen

First Meditation: Deuteronomy 6:10-12 “Remember”

¹⁰When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹²be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Hymn: “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” (*Pastor will sing the first verse; the congregation is invited to join for the second and third verses.*)



Solo My _ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who _ bore my
 2. My _ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who _ walks be -
 3. My _ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who _ reigns a -

pain; Who _ plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me _ life a -
 -side; Who _ floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es _ fears to -
 -bove; Whose _ wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ry _ thought is

-gain; Who _ crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me _ with His
 fly. Whose _ ev - ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - ry _ step I
 love. For _ ev - ry day I have on earth is giv - en _ by the

light _ and _ wrote His law of right - eous - ness with powr _ up - on my heart.
 take. _ Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 King. _ So _ I will give my life, my all, to love _ and fol - low Him.

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Second Meditation: Deuteronomy 6:13-19 “Refocus”

¹³Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.
¹⁴Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; ¹⁵for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. ¹⁶Do not put the LORD your God to the test as you did at Massah. ¹⁷Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you. ¹⁸Do what is right and good in the LORD’s sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors, ¹⁹thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said.

Hymn of the Day: #611 "For the Fruit of His Creation"



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

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

be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
 be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture
 For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, In the
 For the truths that still con - found us, Most of

needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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 Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 888 4) Welsh melody, 18th century.

Third Meditation: Deuteronomy 6:20-25 “Retell”

²⁰In the future, when your son asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?” ²¹tell him: “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²Before our eyes the Lord sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. ²³But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors. ²⁴The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. ²⁵And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness.”

We Respond

The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed with Luther’s Explanation

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Thanksgiving Prayer of the Church

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, 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.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #610, verses 1,3 “Now Thank We All Our God”

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther

hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns

In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -

moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For

count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

Solo My — heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who — bore my
2. My — heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who — walks be -
3. My — heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who — reigns a -

pain; Who — plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me — life a -
-side; Who — floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es — fears to
-bove; Whose — wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ry — thought is

-gain; Who — crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me — with His
fly. Whose — ev - ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - ry — step I
love. For — ev - ry day I have on earth is giv - en — by the

light — and — wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow - er — up - on my heart.
take. — Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
King. — So — I will give my life, my all, to love — and fol - low Him.

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