



Thanksgiving Eve

**Worship
7:00 pm
November 27, 2019**



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Prelude: "Thanksgiving" (December)

George Winston

Welcome

[Stand]

Gathering Hymn No. 693: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR




1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.





All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,




God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Thanksgiving Litany *from Psalm 65*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

C: His love endures forever!

P: Praise awaits you, O God!

C: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

P: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

C: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften the land with showers and bless its crops.

P: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

C: The hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing!

P: And when we were overwhelmed by sins,

C: You forgave our transgressions!

P: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

C: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple!

Confession and Absolution

P: O Lord, our thanksgiving has often been shallow and empty, for we have been selfish, greedy, and unwilling to share.

C: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of contentment, even though our wealth and blessings abound.

P: O Lord, we have not been good stewards of your blessings. We have the abundance which you have given us, and which you intended for us to share with those in need, and we have selfishly spent it on ourselves.

C: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of mercy for those in need, and for thinking too much of ourselves.

- P: O Lord, we have often unthinkingly consumed your blessings, taking them for granted, and failing to remember their source. Do not cast us away, as we deserve, Lord, for we have complained about what we don't have, and we have wasted what you have provided.
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for empty words of thanks, and help us to live our thanks by being content and generous with our blessings.**
- P: Our Savior has paid for these and all of our sins, and we shall not be condemned. Now, with the greatest blessing of all—the gift of forgiveness, full and free, through Christ—may God grant us the joyful response of contentment and unselfishness, and may his name be glorified in our thanksgiving and our thanks-living.

Prayer of the Day

- P: 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.**

[Sit]

✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation 1863

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you

shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 100



En - ter God's gates with thanks-giv-ing.



A: ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

C: ³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.**

Refrain:

A: ⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

C: ⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

Refrain:

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4-9

Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry 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, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "A Song of Thanksgiving"

John Ferguson

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Your love never ceases, Your mercies never end.

For You are good, O Lord. Your steadfast love endures forever.

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

Who wondrous things has done in whom His world rejoices;

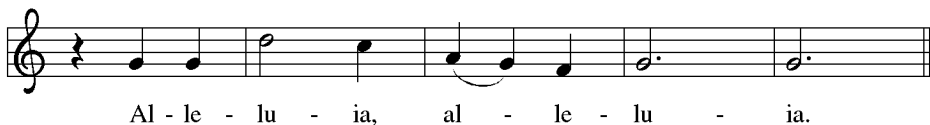
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

You have been our refuge from one generation to another. Amen.

Chancel Choir

Alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 6:25-35

The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is that bread of life.

²⁵When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: "Give Thanks"

Pastor Liz Frey

[Stand]

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response (sung by all)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

+ Meal +

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience God's love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

[Sit]

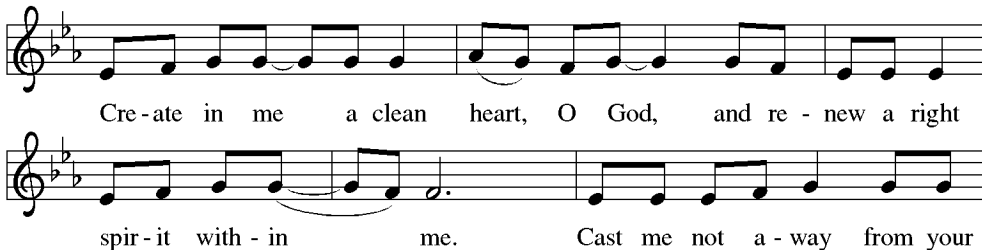
Offering

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Worship Witness: *(Please sign booklet and return to center aisle.)*

[Stand]

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our creator,

C: you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

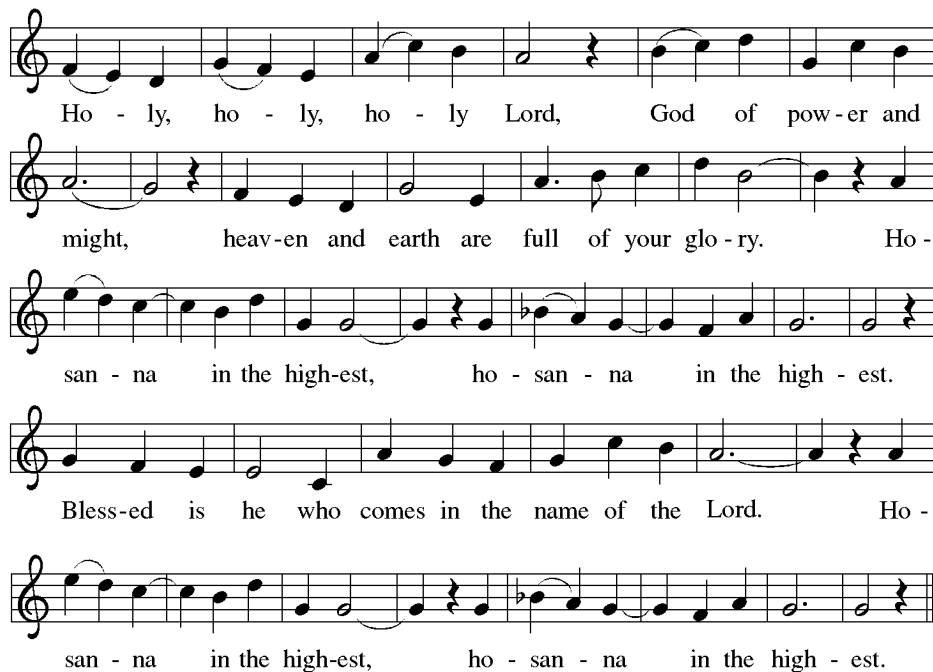
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...
 ...Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord
 with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet that has no end!

C: Thanks be to God.

[Sit]

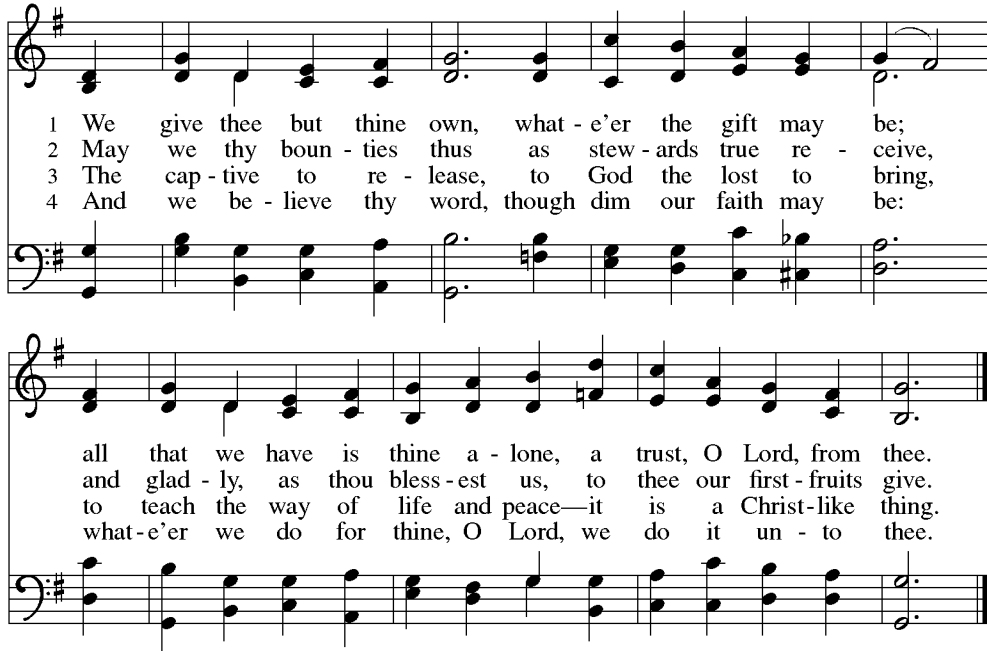
Lamb of God



Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. Children and adults who aren't communing may come forward to receive a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers, available upon request – please ask at the time of communion.

Hymn No. 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

[Stand]

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

✙ Sending ✙

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table.

Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Thanksgiving" (*Thanksgiving Suite*)

Charles Callahan

1. *Kremser* 2. *Nun Danket Alle God*

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