

Thanksgiving Service



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming God's GRACE through faith and love

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! You will find a red attendance folder at the end of your pew; please sign the form inside and pass it on to those seated next to you; ushers will collect the forms following the last service. Whether you are a first-time visitor or have worshipped here often, we invite you to worship with us again.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

November 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm

November 25, 2021 – 10:00 am

Today in Worship

- As we gather on this Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the land in which we live, where we can freely exercise our religious beliefs. We are thankful for this freedom as we celebrate the freedom that is ours because Jesus rescued us from our slavery to sin through His atoning sacrifice on the cross.
- We pray this day that the Holy Spirit helps us to use this freedom to benefit others. That our time would be returned to the Lord in service to our neighbor. That our talent would be used to glorify God in all things. That our earthly treasures be used to help those in times of need that through the gracious gifts of God, all needs be met. In all these things let us give thanks for the bountiful goodness of our gracious God.

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #892

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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 Whole-some 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.

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Phil. 4:6-7

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

C and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Confession and Absolution

Phil. 4:8, 19

P Although we are anxious about many things, God's peace comes to us daily. Let us confess our sins, trusting that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father will guard our hearts and minds with His peace.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Brothers and sisters, in today's Epistle, Paul urges, "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."

C We confess that we have spoken lies, dishonored God's name, judged people on sight, adopted society's impure values, failed to tend to God's good creation, and forgotten to thank Him for providing all we need from day to day.

Heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, who did all things well and to whom alone belongs all the praise, we ask You to forgive what is past, graciously strengthen us for this day, and by Your indwelling Spirit move our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You.

P Paul was inspired to promise, “God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Our heavenly Father does indeed supply your deepest need. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

P May He who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

Greeting of Peace

Having now heard God’s peace given to us in the words of Absolution, let us continue and greet one another in the Peace of Christ.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #806

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit Psalm

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; *antiphon*: Ps. 104:33

P I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

C **the earth is full of Your creatures.**

P These all look to You,

C **to give them their food in due season.**

P When You give it to them, they gather it up;

C **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

C **and You renew the face of the ground.**

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.**

P I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, Your giving knows no ending. Keep us from the sin of ingratitude, from taking for granted Your blessings, and from forgetting to offer You the thanks and praise You are due. Fill us with thankfulness, that we may praise Your goodness and learn true contentment, both for this life and for eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book # 789
"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"In the good land, remember God's fatherly care."

L The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter eight.

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:6-20

“God will supply every need.”

L The Epistle Reading is from Philippians, chapter four.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

"Only one leper returns to give thanks."

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book # 895
"Now Thank We All Our God"

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!

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.

Sermon

The Creed – 1st Article

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

P What does this mean?

C 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, wife 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

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord's Word this morning.

Offertory Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #805

“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.

Prayers

P 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.

- C** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings throughout our land!**
- P** 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.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in Your Church on earth!**
- P** 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.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in our homes and workplaces!**
- P** For our Congregation, that our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus may always lead us to praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in the life of our congregation!**
- P** For all who come to the Lord for healing, [especially . . .], that they may experience the healing work of Jesus and always turn to Him in thanksgiving and worship, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of healing us in body and in soul!**
- P** 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.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of answered prayers! Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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The Closing Collect

- P** Heavenly Father, Ruler of nations, we thank You for the countless undeserved blessings that You have showered on our country. Hold Your protecting hand over our nation, over this congregation, and over all Your children. Preserve our priceless religious liberty and keep all believers faithful to You. Bless us and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book # 894
"For the Fruits of His Creation"

1. For the fruits 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.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. 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.