Thanksgiving Day
Divine Service at 10:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER

Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS

We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME

Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Now Thank We All Our God”

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP
Lord God heavenly Father, we ask that You would through the power of Your Holy Spirit, allow us to put earthly concerns aside during this hour as we give You thanks for all the blessings, both physical and spiritual, that You have given us. Make our hearts glad so that we may be ready to rejoice in Your goodness and grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING TIME
During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cell phones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. C. Courtney

(Please stand as you are able)
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”** **Hymn 813**

THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 100)
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into His presence with singing!
People: Know that the LORD, He is God!

Leader: It is He who made us, and we are His;
People: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Leader: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
People: and His faithfulness to all generations.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: O Lord, we confess:

People: **Your steadfast love endures forever. You are the source of all good things. Yet, for our thankless hearts, that is often not good enough. We do not recognize Your blessings or return Your generosity with gratitude. Our stubborn, sinful nature hoards for itself and refuses to share the overflow we have been given. Forgive us, O Lord, and stir us to thankfulness for Your gifts in this life, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, through whom we have gifts for the life to come. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Leader: 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 my Lord, Jesus 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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: **"Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"Hymn 946**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: **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;**

Leader: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:1–10

"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. 2And 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. 3And 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. 4Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. 6So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

7For 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, 8a land of wheat and
barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a
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. 10And you
shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has
given you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6–20

Do 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE THANKSGIVING ALLELUIA & VERSE arr. R. Hillert

"Alleluia! God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. Alleluia!"

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11–19

On 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. [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."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH **(The First Article of the Apostles' Creed)**
Leader: What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed?
People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: What does this mean?
People: 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, spouse 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.

(Please be seated)
THE SERMON HYMN: **"For the Fruits of His Creation"** **Hymn 894**

THE SERMON Pastor Dan Sheafer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
During the offering, please take the black binder, located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate information. We encourage our members to make note of our visitors and greet them after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "All Good Gifts" D. Schwobel

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING **(Congregation sings the responses)**
Leader: We thank you, O Lord, for the fields of grain and vegetables, for the fruit of the trees, for milk, water, and all other life-sustaining foods.

People: O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Leader: We thank You, O Lord, for the industries which provide transportation, for food distribution, for institutions of healing, for institutions of service, for housing, clothing, and for all industries which minister to our good.

People: O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

Leader: We thank You, O Lord, for our government, for the blessings of freedom, human worth and creative enterprise which You have given us.

People: O beautiful for heroes prov'd in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine.
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)
During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Women: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Men: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:15-17).

All: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" Hymn 892

THE POSTLUDE

THE DECORATIONS adorning His altar are given to His glory in thanksgiving for the abundant blessings He bestows on each of us.

SERVING

Organist	Myra Schmidt
Brass Choir	Ryan Bowland, Jeanine Tietz, Amaya Tietz, Ryan Warner
Acolyte	Micah Bowland
Processional	The Repp Family
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss
Altar Guild	Sandy Ely, Jodi Harwood, Bill and Jewell LaBrash, Aly Wedeven
Audio Engr.	Mike Milholland

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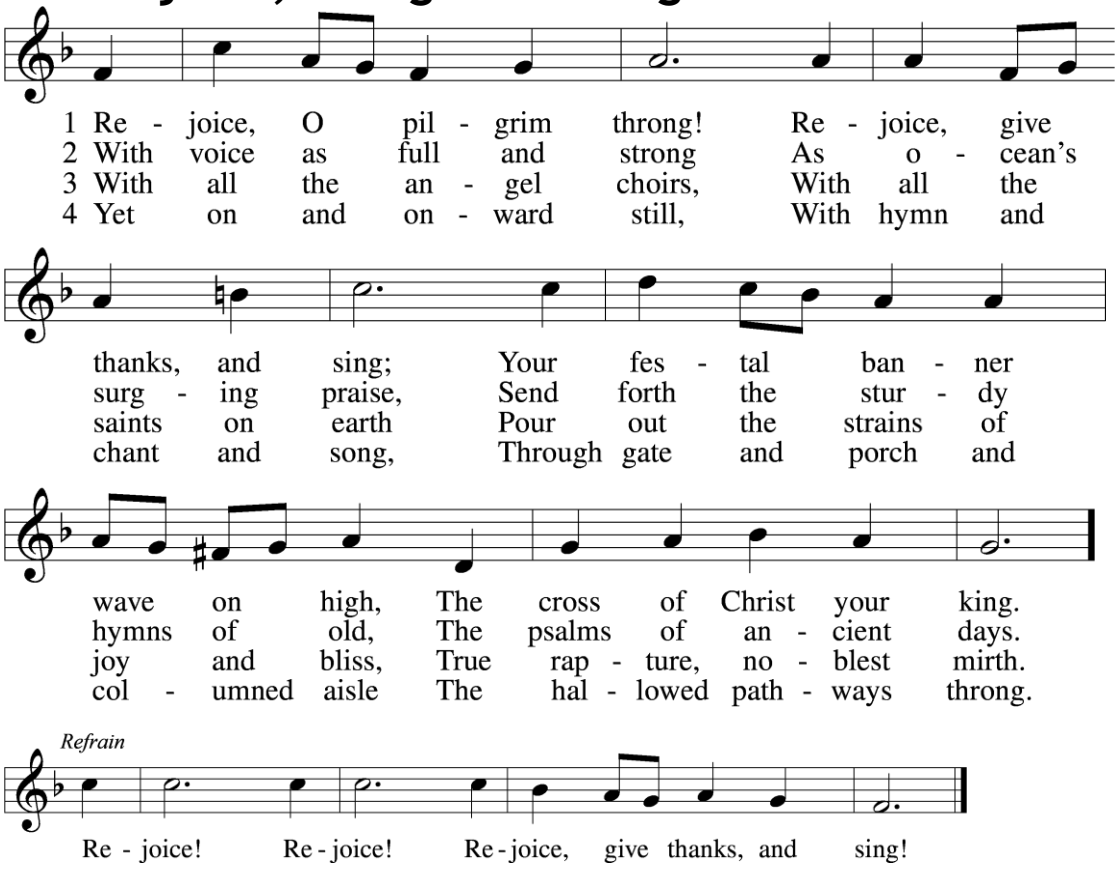

5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day.
Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain

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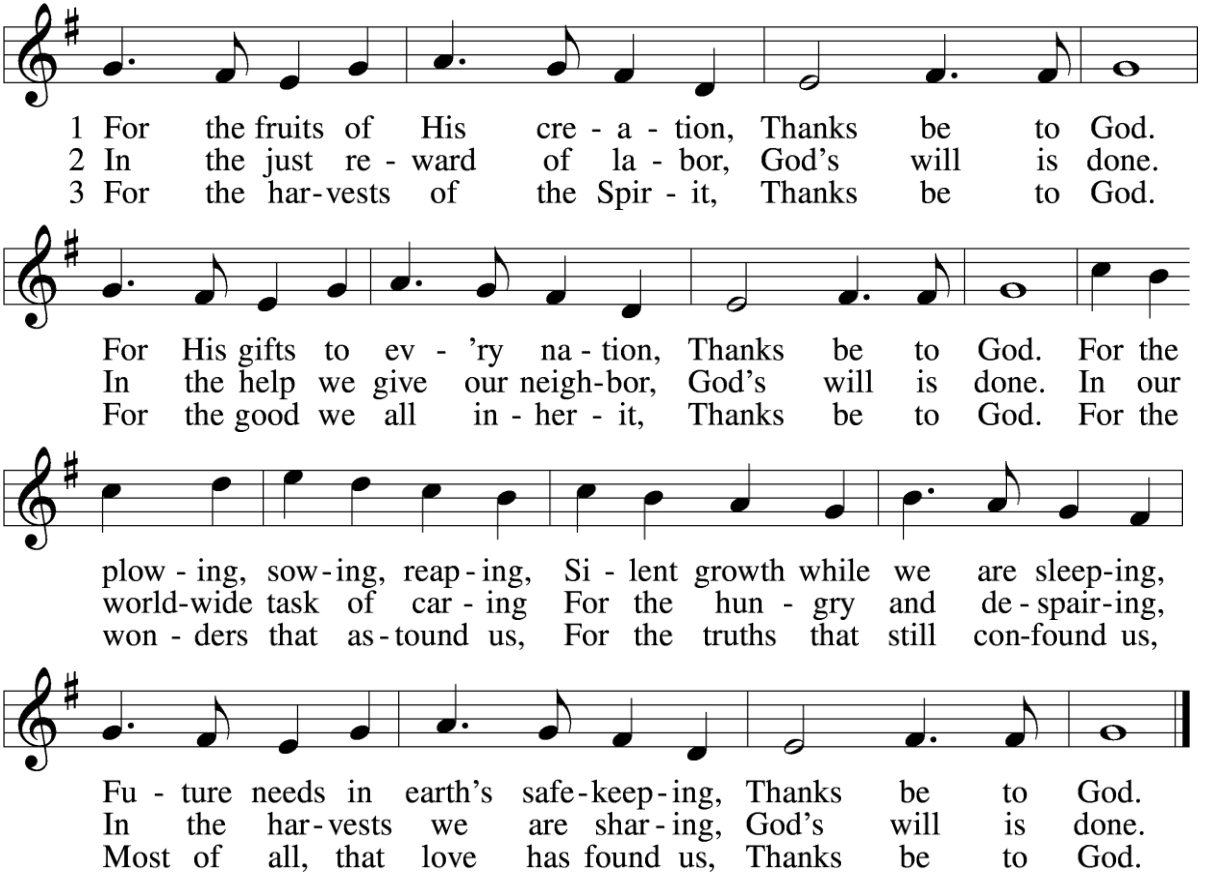

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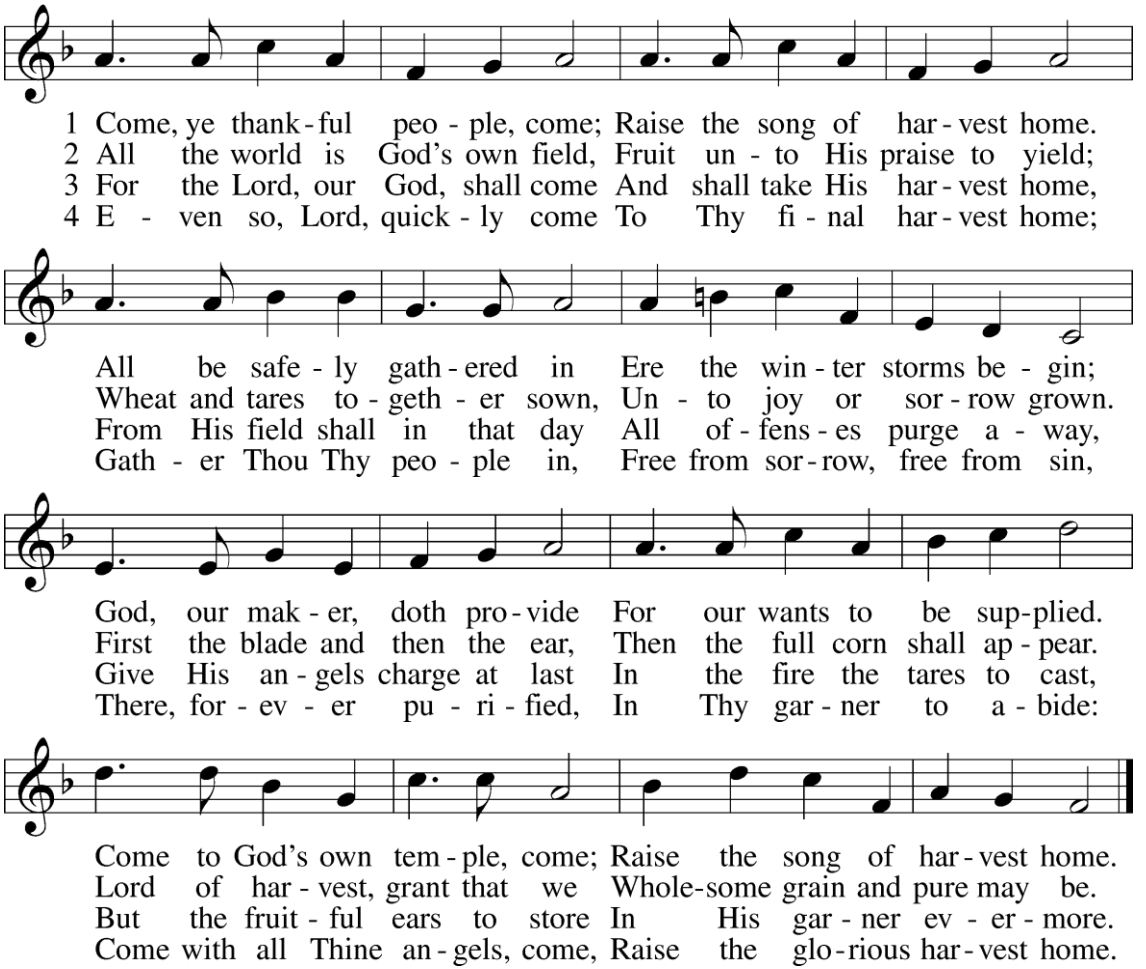
892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



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