

Thanksgiving Day
Divine Service at 10:00



I WILL GIVE
Thanks
TO THE
LORD
WITH MY WHOLE
heart

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November 27, 2025

“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: “Now Let All Loudly”

Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

(At the sound of the bells, please stand, as you are able and face the cross)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymn 895

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy (Psalm 43:4).

Leader: My brothers and sisters, God promises, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 124:8).

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from each

other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully with heartfelt thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.

Leader: God forgives those who repent of sin and turn to Him for grace (1 John 1:9). Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to increased faith and greater love, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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 MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Choir

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 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."

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: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Hymn 893

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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: "Look at the World"

Choir

(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)

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 (1 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 CLOSING 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	
Organists	Matt Johnston, Anna Snodgrass
Acolyte	Ava Seeger
Processional	The Eggold Family
Usher Crew 5	Jasper Downie, Arlan Hogan, Richie Cummins, Everett Cummins, Scott Everson, John Hoham, Dave Huffman, Ethan Kuhmichel, Caleb Layman, Brent Ostermeyer
Altar Guild	Sandy Ely, Jodi Harwood, Bill and Jewel LaBrash, Aly Wedeven
Audio Engr.	Mike Harvey

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



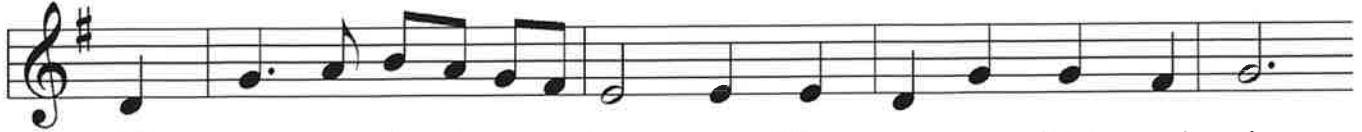
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



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 Thou 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.

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