

Happy Thanksgiving



*Praise the Lord.
I will thank the Lord with all my heart in the assembly of
the upright and in the congregation.*

Psalm 111:1 [EHV]



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Worship Service

Thursday, November 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING



WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Families are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

OPENING HYMN: # 505 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

♪ For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night;
hill and vale, and tree and flow’r,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Please stand (as you are able) for third verse:

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



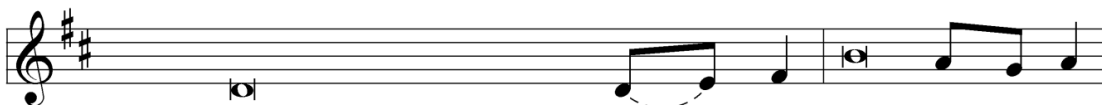
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

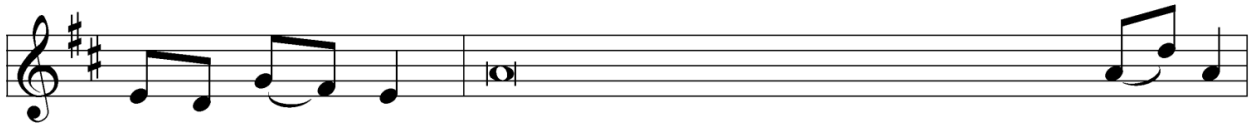


M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

Please be seated.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



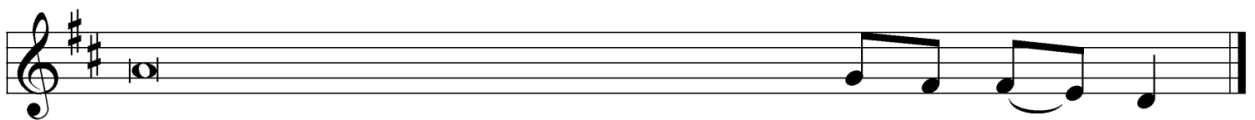
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PSALM of the Day Psalm 65

For the choir director. A psalm by David. A song.

M: Praise waits for you, O God, in Zion.

C: To you vows will be fulfilled.

M: You who hear prayer,
C: to you all mortals will come.

M: The record of my guilt overpowered me.
C: You atone for our rebellious acts.

M: How blessed is the one you choose and bring near!
He will dwell in your courtyards.
C: We will be satisfied by the goodness of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

M: In righteousness you answer us with awesome deeds, O God who saves us.
C: He is trusted by all the farthest ends of the earth and the sea.

M: He establishes the mountains by his power.
C: He has wrapped himself with strength.

M: He stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
C: and the turmoil of the peoples.

M: Those living at the ends of the earth fear your signs.
C: From sunrise to sunset you let them shout for joy.

M: You visit the earth and water it. You make it very rich.
C: God's stream is filled with water. You provide grain for them, just as you planned.

M: You drench the land's furrows. You flatten its plowed ground.
C: You soften it with showers. You bless its crops.

M: You crown the year with your goodness.
C: The tracks made by your carts overflow with riches.

M: The pastures of the wilderness drip.
C: The hills are wrapped with joy.

M: The meadows are clothed with flocks.
The valleys are dressed with grain.
C: They shout for joy. Yes! They sing.

HYMN: # 597 "Now Thank We All Our God"

♪ **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 blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.**

**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.**

**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.**

EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:16-18

**Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good act of giving
and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father
of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. Just as he
planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be
a kind of firstfruits of his creations.**

HYMN: # 603:1,2,4 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**♪ All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who ev'ry sorrow stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r has made, in mercy he is keeping;
by morning dawn or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of his might,
all things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord will not forsake his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock,
their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Please stand (as you are able).



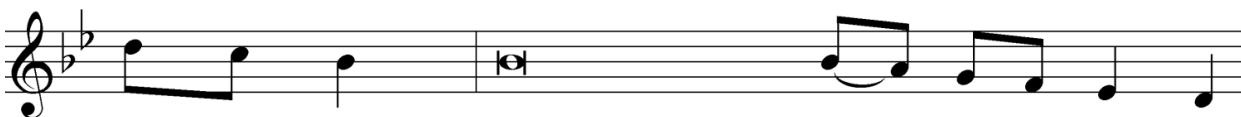
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



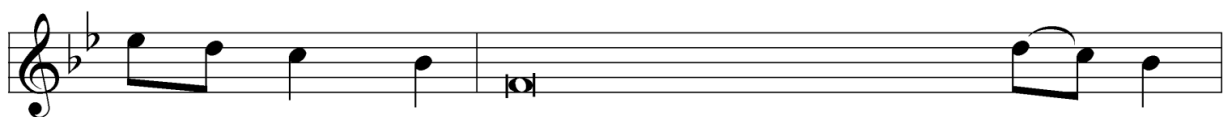
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



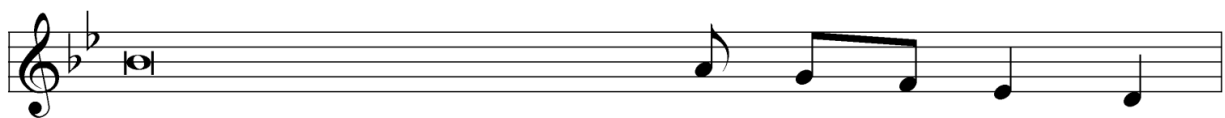
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



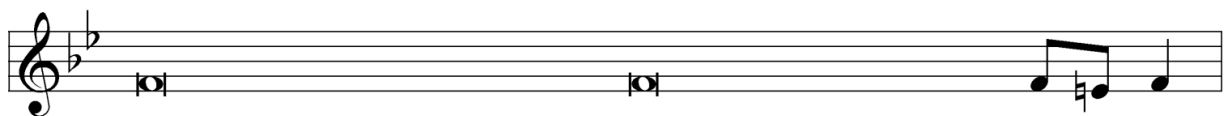
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



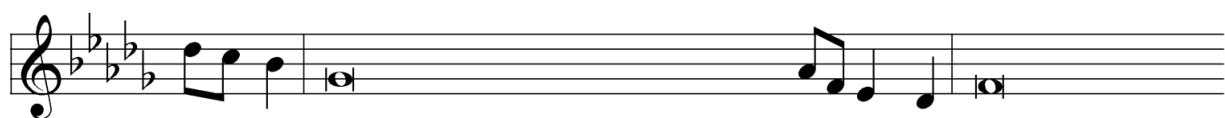
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



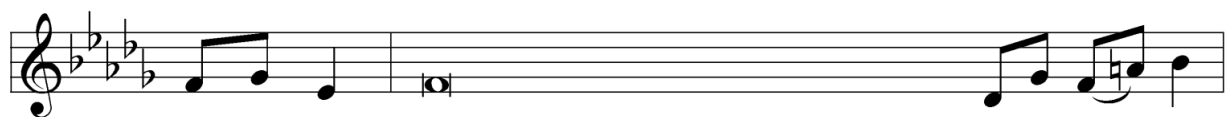
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts,
purely out of thanks to him.*

Litany of Prayer and Praise

The Congregational responses will be sung.

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of your Word,
through which we have found peace, comfort, assurance and eternal
hope.

C: ♪ **O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**
(CW: 642)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Faith and
Salvation, by which we have been made your children and heirs of
life everlasting.

**C: ♪ To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!
(CW 627)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Life and the abundance of our Earthly Possessions.

**C: ♪ For the fruit 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.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done. (CW 506)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the countless blessings you have showered upon us in this Nation and among its citizens.

**C: ♪ God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand
thro' storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save, by thy great might.**

**For her our prayers shall rise to God above the skies;
on him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry: God save the state! (CW 774)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the Victory you have given to our fellow pilgrims and our own loved ones who now live with you in glory.

**C: ♪ For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain, in the well-fought fight;
and in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 880)**

**M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the growth of Your
Kingdom among us and others, to the glory of your name and the
salvation of souls.**

**♪ Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!" (CW 507)**

**M: For All these and countless other blessings to body and soul which
are new to us each morning, we thank and praise you. We unite our
hearts and voices in approaching your throne of grace also to sing:**

**C: ♪ We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, — glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
thro' trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord,— our battles we win.**
(CW 609)

PRAYER

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.**

PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you
have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your
mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor
run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is
right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**
C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: # 505 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

♪ For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv’n;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav’n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, little Elias, Dennis Douglas, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and brother, Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Linda Hill & Christina, Roberta Gowin, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, Louise Perry, and Rylan Downs.

AIRMAN'S ATTIC: Star of Bethlehem has established a relationship with Airman's Attic, a facility at Vandenberg Space Force Base where junior enlisted Airmen and their families can go to get donated goods. All items are free for Airmen who are E-5 and below. In addition to our food barrel and special donations, we will be giving our Thanksgiving Day offering to this charity.

MEDITATIONS are on the shelf in the narthex. Treat yourself (and maybe someone you know) to this very beneficial devotional resource. There are also *Advent Devotion* booklets, compliments of Martin Luther College.

COMING UP

Living Nativity, December 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Las Posadas, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Festival Worship, 10:00 a.m.



**Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge ne'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

CW — 502

Thanksgiving...

**A time of gladness
and sharing
with family and
friends.
A time for praising
our God,
whose love never
ends.**

