

# *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]



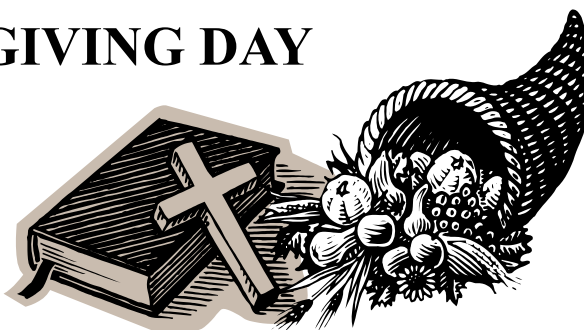
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## Worship Service

*Thursday, November 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.*

## THANKSGIVING DAY



**Thought for the day:** The traditional symbol for Thanksgiving is the cornucopia or horn of plenty. In Roman mythology, Copia was the goddess of abundance who carried a horn filled with fruits and drinks. The early church took over that symbol and gave it a Christian meaning. The cornucopia symbolizes God's blessings in our lives—blessings that are never exhausted. The horn also signifies the song of thanks that sounds from our lips continually.

## MORNING PRAYER

*(CWH: p. 207)*

**OPENING HYMN: # 626 “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”**

♪ My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me in his light  
And wrote his law of righteousness  
With pow'r upon my heart.

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
 To him who walks beside;  
 Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
 And causes fears to fly;  
 Whose ev'ry promise is enough  
 For ev'ry step I take,  
 Sustaining me with arms of love  
 And crowning me with grace.**

*Please stand (as you are able) for final verse:*

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
 To him who reigns above,  
 Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
 Whose ev'ry thought is love.  
 For ev'ry day I have on earth  
 Is given by the King;  
 So I will give my life, my all,  
 To love and follow him, to love and follow him.**



**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.



# O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a great God  
 3 The sea is his, for he made it,

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and his hand formed the dry land.

1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
 4 For he is our God,

1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Please be seated.*

## PSALM of the Day      Psalm 100

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.\*  
Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.\*  
Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;\*  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

### *Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;\*  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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.

### *Refrain*

M: Lord Jesus, you have made us the sheep of your pasture, and we have no more joyous privilege than to enter your gates and sing your praises. When we enter the courts of your house, fill our hearts with sincere thanksgiving for your never-ending grace; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**HYMN: # 850 “It Is Well with My Soul”**

♪ When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll—  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.  
    It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
    It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
    It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
    It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
    It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
    It is well, it is well with my soul.

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

**HYMN: # 527 “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**

♪ I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And his wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross he suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.  
Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,  
With his blood he purchased me,  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save,  
In his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.  
Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,  
With his blood he purchased me,  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
How the victory He giveth  
Over sin, and death, and hell.  
Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,  
With his blood he purchased me,  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

### **EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:7**

**In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace.**

### **Revelation 5:9**

**And they sang a new song, saying:  
You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and you bought us for God with your blood  
out of every tribe and language and people and nation.**

# HYMN: "Borning Cry"



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."



## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zephaniah 3:17**

**The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.**

*Please stand.*

## **THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that God made me and every creature; and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities; and I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all that I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life. He protects me from all harm and danger and guards and delivers me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

*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.

*(CWH: 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 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.**  
  
**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. (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;  
thou 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:** Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. Guard us from the temptation to let our love grow cold during these last days. Instead, root us in your love so that we may joyfully use all your gifts in service to you and your people. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen. *(spoken)*



**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: # 505:4,5 “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**

**OFFERINGS** from this year's Thanksgiving Day service, will be sent to our synod's **Christian Aid & Relief**. It is used for times of natural disasters and humanitarian aid.

**PRAYERS:** Remember to pray for: Shawn Lozano, little Elias, Dennis Douglas, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Molly Webb & brother Jim, Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, Louise Perry, Rylan Downs, Jeff Brown, Aaron Taubman, Judy Washburn, Marlene Washburn, Terry Oberg's siblings Linda and Carp, Kathryn Pereira, Helen Cummings, Phil Schaaf, Joe Wilkinson, and Phil & Ann Swan.

**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 to help us get ready for *real* CHRISTmas.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** December 1st, after the service, we will be decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall. You are all welcome to join us in the fun.

## **COMING UP**

**Living Nativity and Las Posadas** - December 15,  
beginning at 5:00 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 e'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.**



