Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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THANKSGIVING EVE

November 26, 2025

HYMN NO 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
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.

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.

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.

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

P: In the name of the Father.

C: who created this world and each of us, a reason to give thanks;

P: and of the

Son,

C: our ultimate reason for giving thanks because through His love and sacrifice on the cross we are saved;

P: and of the Holy Spirit,

C: who calls, gathers, and enlightens us in the one true faith in Jesus. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 136:1–4

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

C: for His steadfast love endures forever:

P: to Him who alone does great wonders,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 14:1; Romans 3:12; Psalm 136:1

P: The fool says in his heart,

C: "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

P: We want to think it is other people David refers to in this verse. Yet Paul puts us all in the same category when he writes to the Romans,

C: "All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed. We deserve Your punishment, both now and for eternity.

Silence for reflection

P: I have the best news for you as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all He has done this year. He has given us the greatest thing to be thankful for today—the forgiveness of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Amen.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord;

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For thanksgiving for all that comes from above, especially our salvation, let us pray to the Lord;

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For thanksgiving for all that You have created, and for the well-being of the church of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For thanksgiving for all, and that you would bring unity and peace to Your people, let us pray to the Lord;

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In thanksgiving for this holy house and all who offer You their worship, thanks, and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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.

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.

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.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, grant that we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGDeuteronomy 8:1–10 ("The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land.")

"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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 34:8; 147:9, 11

P: Taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

P: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C: In those who hope in His steadfast love.

EPISTLE Philippians 4:6–20 ("Let your requests be made known to God.")

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I 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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Pastor: Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19 (Healing of the ten lepers)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

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 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 893 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise. By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring, The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase; He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

SERMON "The Secret of Contentment." Phil. 4:6-20 Pastor Peter Kirby

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: With great thanksgiving for all God has given us, we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.
- C: We come before the Lord with thankful hearts for all He has done. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Almighty God, we come before You on this great day of Thanksgiving, confessing that You have given us all we have,
- C: yet we often foolishly think what we have is of our doing. Forgive us for our foolishness. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: We remember those in our church family and those we know who are sick and suffering, [especially . . .].
- C: We lift them up to the great heavenly physician, asking You, dear Lord, to bring healing and health, bringing remedies as only You can and according to Your will. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: We recall that You have called us in Scripture to pray for kings and all in authority that we might live peaceful lives.
- C: We lift up every ruler in every land; especially this day, we lift up our President, Congress, and all government officials. Guide all by Your Holy Spirit to accomplish Your will on this earth, that Your kingdom may truly come. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: We are also reminded by Your Word to pray for those who are persecuted.
- C: We ask that You would be with them in their hour of trial; strengthen their faith and remind them of their great reward. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Each year, Your people of old would recall who they were because of Your blessings.
- C: We, like them, are nobody apart from You. Through the cross and empty tomb, You make us Yours by faith, members of Your family, for which we give You thanks. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Your Word calls us to remember the poor and those in need.
- C: By Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes that we may see those who are poor and in need that we can serve them. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, by which we have believed Your Word and are members of Your kingdom,
- C: but we know there are those who do not believe in You. Use us by Your Spirit, according to Your will, that these ripe fields may bring a great harvest for Your glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: We lift these and all the prayers of our hearts before Your throne, almighty God.
- C: We pray in the name of Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN NO 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

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.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C: Amen.

HYMN NO 895 "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 blest 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.

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