

Thanksgiving Eve



November 24, 2021

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

P: We have come to worship and praise God on this Thanksgiving Eve. We respond to God's gifts with joy, thankfulness and hope!

Thanksgiving Gathering

P: For the world filled with the glory of God we say,	C: Thank you, God!
P: For minds to think, hearts to love and hands to serve we say,	C: Thank you, God!
P: For strength to work and leisure to rest and play we say,	C: Thank you, God!
P: For tables overflowing with food we say,	C: Thank you, God!
P: For lives filled with love of family and friends we say,	C: Thank you, God!
P: For your love and grace we say,	C: Thank you, God!
P: We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,	C: Thank you, God!
P: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.	

Gathering Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW #858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God our Father,

C: your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Psalm: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Gospel Acclamation





P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Learning Thankfulness”

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELW #689 vs 1,3&4

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

"A Grateful Heart"

A grate-ful heart is what I bring. A cup of praise, my of - fer ing.
A-mong the Saints, I lift my voice. In You Oh God, I will re-joice!

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Sending

P: Our God of love has blessed us with so much and for that we say,

C: Thank you, God!

P: Our God now sends us out with a mission to share our joy, thankfulness, and hope with the world and for that we say,

C: Thank you, God!

P: Let us shout from mountain tops, from all corners of creation,

C: Thank you, God!

P: May God the Creator of the universe, God the Savior of all humanity, God the Sustainer of all life, bless you and send you out in peace.

C: Thank you, God!

Benediction

- 1 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.

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Dismissal

P: With Joy, Thanksgiving, and Hope, we go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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