



Give  
Thanks

TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD/  
AND HIS MERCY/  
ENDURES FOREVER

**Thanksgiving**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don’t worry; most of those worshipping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children’s Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

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**LARGE PRINT** copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Whether you are a guest or a member we would love to know you are here! Please use this QR code to sign our digital friendship register. There are also tablets available in the back of Church for you to sign in.



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Preacher**  
**Presiding Minister**  
**Organist**

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof  
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David Porth

# SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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## OPENING HYMN

*Come, You Thankful People, Come* | 491(1-4)

Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.  
God our maker shall 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 weeds 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 Wholesome 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 weeds to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;  
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen**

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen**

## THANKSGIVING LITANY

M: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**C: God's love is everlasting.**

M: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**C: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

M: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

**C: We praise you, O God.**

M: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

**C: We praise you, O God.**

M: Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

**C: We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

**C: God's love is everlasting.**

*Please be seated*

## **ANTHEM**

*Pastor Mark Jeske, Piano*

## *Every Day is Thanksgiving*

*(Chorus)*

*Ev'ryday is a day of Thanksgiving.  
God's been so good to me;  
Ev'ry day he's blessing me.  
Ev'ryday is a day of Thanksgiving.  
Take the time to glorify the Lord today.*

*I thank God for the moments  
When I worship in his name.  
I thank him for the sacrifice of praise.  
It's no mystery to say how my God is ev'ry day  
Making my way through clouds so dark,  
Bringing his light into my heart. (Chorus)*

*Yes ther're pressures all around me  
When fighting Satan's descending powers  
That never cease from trying to bring me down;  
But I just lift my hands to glory believing in God's redemption story;  
Thanking him for his saving grace  
As God gives me power to win the race. (Chorus)*

*He keeps blessing me.  
He opens the door that I might see  
He's blessing me.  
Take the time to glorify the Lord today.*

# THE WORD

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## FIRST LESSON

Philippians 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

## HYMN

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* | 609(1-3)

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.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 17:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now Thank We All Our God | 597(1-3)*

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 mother's 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.

## Offering

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*Please stand*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism*

**C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting 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*



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition spoken by the minister, the congregation sings one or two selected stanzas from a corresponding hymn.*

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself into death that we might have life with you forever.

### **HYMN**

*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice | 332(1-2)*

Let us all with gladsome voice  
Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,  
His own Son has given.

To this vale of tears he comes,  
Here to serve in sadness,  
That with him in heav'n's fair homes  
We may reign in gladness.

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of your Word, through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

### **HYMN**

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | 640*

God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gifts of life and health and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

**HYMN**

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise* | 612(1,3)

Praise to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days.  
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,  
Let your praise our tongues employ.  
All to you, our God, we own,  
Source whence all our blessings flow.

Peace, prosperity, and health,  
Private bliss and public wealth,  
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,  
True religion's holier beams—  
Lord for these our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the growth of your kingdom in all the earth, to the glory of your name and the salvation of precious souls.

**HYMN**

*Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word* | 902(1,6)

Spread abroad, O mighty Word,  
telling of a gracious Lord  
whose all-pow'rful gospel call  
fills his heav'nly banquet hall.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
rouse to action heart and mind;  
let the gath'ring nations all  
see your light and heed your call.

M: For all these and countless other blessings to body and soul which are new to us every morning, we unite our hearts and voices in songs of praise and thanks:

## **HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | 624(5)

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!

## **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Let All Things Now Living* | 507(1-2)

1 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.

2 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!"

## **POSTLUDE**

*Adele Faust, Organ*

*Let All Things Now Living*



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