



GIVE

Thanks

WITH A

*Grateful
Heart*

THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL
THANKSGIVING EVE
NOVEMBER 24, 2021 – 7:00 PM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

“...And thus they found the Lord to be with them in all their ways, and to bless their out-goings and in-comings...” (Governor William Bradford, 1621)

We gather for worship on the eve of this national day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following are welcome to come forward to receive it:

- I am a fallen and sinful person in need of God's forgiveness;
- The Sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink;
- In the Sacrament, everyone who believes the words “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church, children who are baptized as infants are instructed so that they may receive Holy Communion understanding what it is we are looking for, and why we are coming. Newcomers to Resurrection Lutheran Church receive the opportunity for in-depth catechetical instruction.

If you and/or your children of any age are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper with this same statement of faith, you are requested to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at this time.

❖ *Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.*
The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Praise and Thanksgiving – arr. Charles Callahan
Let All Things Now Living – arr. Robert A. Hobby
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come – arr. Sam Ellson

WELCOME

THE FIRST NATIONAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His Will, to be grateful for His Benefits, and humbly to implore His Protection and Favor;
and Whereas both Houses of Congress have...requested me
“to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer,
to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God”...
Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November...
to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that Great and Glorious Being,
Who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be:
that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks

for His Kind Care and Protection of the people of this country...
for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we enjoy...
for the civil and religious liberty with which we all blessed...
and, in general for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.
And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions;
to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed;
to protect and guide all sovereigns and

nations...with good governments, peace,
and concord; to promote the knowledge
and practice of true religion and virtue...

and, generally, to grant unto all
mankind...prosperity as He alone knows
to be best.
(George Washington)

❖ **INVOCATION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

❖ **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892

**1. 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.**

**2. 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 Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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.**

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GOD'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Deuteronomy 8:1-10 [ESV]

“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.

²And 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.

³And 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.

⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty

years.

⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.

⁶So you shall keep the Commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His Ways and by fearing Him.

⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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.

¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

P Lord God,

C **We confess to You that we often struggle to be thankful for what we have, especially when our hearts and minds are filled with desire for what we don't have. We worry unnecessarily about our future, even though we are safe in Your Hands.**

Forgive our thanklessness, and our sin against You and against our neighbor. Fill us with the joy of Your Presence and Your Promise of Eternal Salvation.

P In the Mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins.

Therefore, in His Stead and at His Command; I, a called, ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C Lord of time and God of history, we ask You to keep our nation and its leaders under Your Care. It is by Your Grace and Blessing alone that we can know peace and freedom.

Direct and lead us to live justly with our neighbors, peaceably in our communities and joyfully in our land, seeking the common good.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

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 has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4. 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
As with His love He befriends you.

**5. Praise to the Lord! O 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!**

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EPISTLE

Philippians 4:6-20 [ESV]

⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, 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.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of Peace will be with you.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

¹²I 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.

¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

¹⁵And 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.

¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

¹⁸I 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.

¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter;
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹² And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying,

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

¹⁴ When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back,

praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' Feet, giving Him thanks.

Now he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed?

Where are the nine?

¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

¹⁹ And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

**1. 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.**

2. 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!

❖3. 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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SERMON

More than Bread Alone
Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

❖ **CREED**

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✠ Life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3)

❖ **OFFERING**

P It is the Lord Who blesses the work of our hands. Let us bring to His Altar the tokens of our thankfulness in our offering for this day.

C **Our offerings symbolize that all we have and all we are come from God. With thanks we return a part of what is His to Him as an act of thanksgiving.**

OFFERINGS

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERING HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

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❖ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Lord of all creation,
C **we thank You for creating this world and giving us everything we need to sustain this body and life. Accept these offerings as our response to Your continued Love and Kindness. Amen.**

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (Based on *Psalm 104*)

P Bless the Lord, O my soul.

L1 *O Lord my God, you are very great.*

L2 *You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.*

L1 *You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,*

L2 *you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,*

L1 *you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.*

L2 *You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.*

L1 *You cover it with the deep as with a garment;*

L2 *the waters stood above the mountains.*

L1 *At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.*

L2 *They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.*

L1 *You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.*

L2 *You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

L1 *By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.*

L2 *From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.*

L1 *You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use,*

L2 *to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.*

L1 *The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*
L2 *In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.*

L1 *The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers.*
L2 *You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.*

L1 *You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.*
L2 *The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.*

L1 *When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.*
L2 *People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.*

P O Lord, how manifold are your works!

L1 *In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*
L2 *Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.*

L1 *There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.*
L2 *These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

L1 *When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*
L2 *When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.*

P May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

L1 *who looks on the earth and it trembles,*
L2 *who touches the mountains and they smoke.*

L1 *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*
L2 *May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.*

P Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord! Amen.

❖ 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.**

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took, bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow usher instructions to enter the central aisle and approach the front of the sanctuary. As you draw near the altar, receive an empty cup from the tray positioned near the end of the aisle. Then, line up and kneel at the communion rail on the same side of the sanctuary where you have just been worshipping. Hold your hand out, palm upward, so the Officiant can drop the host into your hand, contact free. Having received both the host and the wine, please exit the distribution area without waiting to be dismissed. Individual cups may be left behind in the empty tray positioned near the pews.

MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894

**1. 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 safekeeping, Thanks be to God.**

**2. 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 worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**3. For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.**

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We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

LSB 785

**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.**

**2. 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 struggles we win.**

**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!**

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❖ **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

❖ **PRAYER**

P Bless us, O Lord, and these Your Gifts which we have received from Your Bountiful Goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

C Amen.

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

LSB 803

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

We Plow the Fields, and Scatter – arr. Robert J. Hughes

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