

Thanksgiving Eve (Harvest)

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Hymn of Invocation: 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Stand

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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 14–15; antiphon: v. 31



The glory of the LORD shall endure for | ever;*
the LORD shall rejoice | in His works.
O LORD, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou | made them all;*
the earth is full of Thy | riches.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle and herbs for the ser- | vice of man,*
that he may bring forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the | heart of man,
and oil to make his face | to shine*
and bread which strenghteneth | man's heart.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The glory of the LORD shall endure for | ever;*
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Sit

Acknowledging Our Daily Bread

(Words taken from Dr. Martin Luther's explanation of the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer found in his *Small Catechism*.)

P Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

895 Now Thank We All Our God

st. 1

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 to day.

P What is meant by daily bread?

C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as:

P Food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home

C Land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children,

P Devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, Good government, good weather, peace and health

C Discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

895 Now Thank We All Our God

st. 2

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 per-plexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

P Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God.

C Jesus Christ is the Word of God made flesh. He is the Bread of Life.

895 Now Thank We All Our God

st. 3

△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,
The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may 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.

Sit

Prophecy

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

“And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ “Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: ‘My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.’ “Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

II Corinthians 9:6–15

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration

of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse of the Day

1 Thessalonians 5:18



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. In every thing | give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus con- | cerning you.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 652 Father, We Thank Thee

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Stand

Offertory *p. 192ff*

Prayer of the Church *Congregation concludes: Amen.*

Preface *p. 194ff*

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Distribution Hymn:

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Looking Forward to Sunday (Ad Te Levavi: Advent I)

Lessons: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 21:1-9

Hymns: 331-332-517:1,5,3-333/350/343/622/335/351-357:1-2

Looking Forward next Wednesday (Advent Midweek Vespers I)

Lessons: James 5:7-10, Matthew 3:1-6

Hymns: 338-350-351

Advent Midweek Vespers Services Wednesdays December 3, 10, & 17 at 6:30pm

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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