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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn,
Share, and Serve.***

***Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all generations,
wherever they may be.***

Service Setting for Today

Divine Service Four (pp 203ff)

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” LSB 892

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

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 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 and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P God has given us all we need to support our lives, and yet we often fail to return thanks for all He has given us. We often take for granted the abundant

blessings He has poured into our lives. We have often hungered for more, rather than being content with what the Lord has given. We now turn to the Lord, seeking His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

C Heavenly Father, we confess that we have taken Your good gifts without returning thanks. Forgive us for our grumbling. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your good gifts and walk in Your glorious way. Amen.

A time of silent reflection

P God loves us with a love that goes beyond our grumbling. In the midst of our thanklessness, he continues to provide blessings for which we should be thankful. In the midst of our sin, he provides forgiveness. There is not a blessing God withholds from us. There is not a sin he does not forgive. God the Father sent his Son to be cursed on the cross so that we might be blessed. Your sins are forgiven for the sake and in the name of Jesus.

Service of the Word

Psalm 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us

C and make his face to shine upon us,

P that your way may be known on earth,

C your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P The earth has yielded its increase;

C God, our God, shall bless us.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (*Sung*)

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God in the Highest (*Sung*)

LSB 204

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together...

G **O Lord, Your giving knows no ending. Keep us from the sin of ingratitude, from taking for granted Your blessings, and from forgetting to offer You the thanks and praise You are due. Fill us with thankfulness, that we may praise Your goodness and learn true contentment, both for this life and for eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹ “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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ 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, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And 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.**

Nicene Creed

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.

Children's Message

Message Song

"For the Fruits of His Creation" LSB 894

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.

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.

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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Message

"What Do You Know?"

Offering

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Call to Thanksgiving *(Based on Luther's explanation of the Apostles Creed)*

C Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Heavenly Father, for you have made us and all creatures. You have given us our body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members. You have given us our reason and all our senses, and you still take care of them.

C Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Heavenly Father, for you give us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all we have. You richly and daily provide us with all we need to support this body and life.

C Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Heavenly Father, for you defend us against all danger and guard and protect us from all evil. And you do this all this out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us.

C Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Lord Jesus, for you have redeemed us, lost and condemned people. You have purchased and won us from all sins, death, and the power of the devil. You have not done this with gold or silver, but with your holy, precious blood and with your innocent suffering and death.

C **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Lord Jesus, for you have done this that we may be your own and live under you in your kingdom and serve you in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

C **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Holy Spirit, for though we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, or come to him, you have called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with your gifts, sanctified and kept us in the true faith.

C **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

P We give you thanks Holy Spirit, for you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian church on earth, and keep it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, richly forgiving all our sins and the sins of all believers. And on the Last Day you will raise us and all the dead, and give eternal life to all believers in Christ.

C **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us remember and give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is good, right, and proper, ... Therefore, with all the angels and the company of heaven we offer You thanks and praise, singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy *(Sung)*

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God *(Sung)*

LSB 210

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is

offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?
2. Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?
3. Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?
4. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?
5. Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?
6. Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer **"yes"** to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.

Distribution Songs

"Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789

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.

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Thank You Lord

Praise Team

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;
Thank You Lord, thank You Lord;
For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see,
Thank You Lord, thank You Lord;
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,

With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord.

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;

Thank You Lord, thank You Lord;

You took my sin and my shame, You took my sickness and healed all my pain,

Thank You Lord, thank You Lord;

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,

With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord;

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,

With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

Thank You, Lord; I just want to thank You, Lord;

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord.

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Song of Simeon *(Sung)*

LSB 211

☞ O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Prayer

☞ O Lord, all things are Yours, and yet Your goodness provides for us more than we deserve or dare ask. Equip our hearts with Your Spirit, that we may learn gratitude and offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have provided, most of all for the treasure of salvation that is ours through the merits of Christ, our Savior, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

Blessing

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Song

“Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895

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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