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**Thanksgiving Service**

November 19, 2023

4:00 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

*(Please stand when indicated by \*)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal  
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal  
P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Now that We All Our God* (Karg-Elert)

GATHERING

\* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

LBW p. 56

Ashley Myers and Ty Gardner

1. *The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

L If we say we have no sin, we lie to ourselves. We are sinners. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and take away sinfulness.

***Kneel/Stand***

2. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

3. *The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

\* Hymn: *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

LBW# 407

## Come, You Thankful People, Come

1 Come, you thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield.  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to your fi-nal har-vest home.

All is safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
Wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way,  
Gath-er all your peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

God, our mak-er, does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in your gar-ner to a-bide.

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
Come, with all your an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

\* Greeting (*Kyrie is omitted this week.*)

LBW p. 57

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

\* Hymn of Praise (*“Let the Whole Creation Cry” stanza 1*)

LBW# 242

C **Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!”  
Heav’n and earth, awake and sing, “Praise him, our almighty King!”  
Praise him, angel hosts above, Ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice.**

\* Salutation

LBW p. 62

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

\* Prayer of the Day

Lucas Wilhelm

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new to us every morning, and you generously provide for all our wants of body and soul, though we have not deserved your righteousness. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The first lesson is written in the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy.

*Everything is a gift. First fruit.*

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup> And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup> Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing

with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 100:1-5 *read responsively*

L <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C <sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

L <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C <sup>4</sup>**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

L <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

The second lesson is written in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians.

*Problems are never too small or big not to praise God.*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

L Here ends the reading.

Music: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (arr. Lamb)

Beginner Bells

Children's Message

Kelsie Myers

\* Gospel Acclamation (*"Praise and Thanksgiving" stanza 1*)

LBW# 409

C **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.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

\* Holy Gospel: John 6:25-35

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Dusty Morgan

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For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

\* Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 65

L Let us profess our faith by speaking the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

\* *Or*; He descended to the dead.

\*\**Or*, the holy Christian Church,

\* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 65-66

Caylea Cline and Micah Nguyen

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, we thank you for raising up leaders from among us to serve and minister in your name. Grant that they might remain faithful in your Word and serve your church with a servant's heart like that of our Lord, Jesus. Teach us all to walk alongside people in love pointing our neighbors near and far to your life giving Son. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

God our Provider, many whose employment is seasonal or will soon come to an end; provide for them in this time of inactivity or unemployment. Help them to find alternate means of employment that will allow them to have adequate food and shelter for themselves and their families during the months ahead. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Ruler of all nations, we ask your guidance for our nation, grant that freedom of belief may be ensured for every citizen, and that liberty to openly practice our faith may be guaranteed. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You bring the first fruits from the Earth to nourish and feed us

as your people. Help us to acknowledge that you alone are the Bread of Life. Make us truly grateful for all you have given us and help us to trust you in times of need. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*The prayers conclude:*

L Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

\* Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 66

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

Anthem: *Autumn Carol* (Schultz-Widmar)

Chancel Choir with Angie Poole, Lucinda Fraley, and Nikki Nguyen, Handbells

## MEAL

\* Offertory (*"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" stanza 3*)

LBW# 412

C **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.**

\* Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 67

Bailey Wilhelm

A Let us pray. 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**

\* Great Thanksgiving

LBW p. 68

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



P It is indeed right and salutary . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\* Sanctus (*"We Praise You, O God" stanza 3*)

LBW# 241

**C 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!**

\* Words of Institution

LBW p. 69

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

\* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 71

**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**

Lamb of God (*"O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*)

LBW# 103

**C O Christ, thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God  
That takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God Thou takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us thy peace! Amen**

## Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

Communion Music: *Come to the Feast* (Beall)

### \* Blessing

LBW p. 72

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

### \* Post-Communion Canticle (*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" stanza 1*)

LBW# 221

C **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching.  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

### \* Post-Communion Prayer

LBW p. 74

Bailey Wilhelm

L Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

## SENDING

### \* Benediction

LBW p. 74

Bailey Wilhelm

L 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.

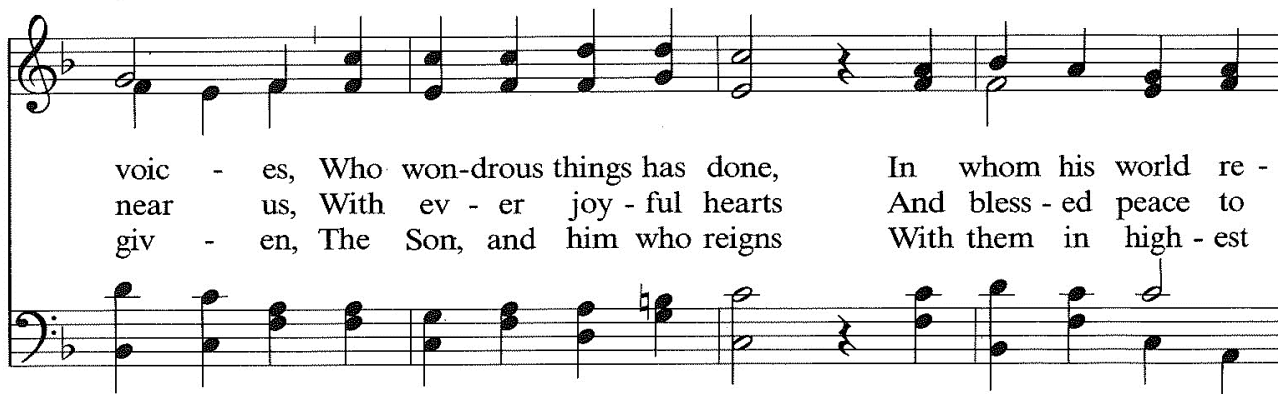
C **Amen**

# Now Thank We All Our God

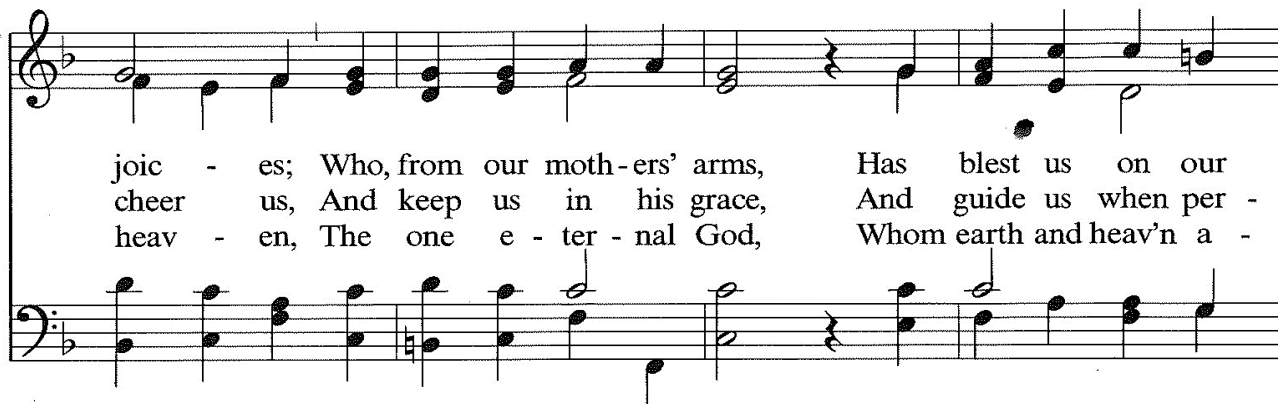
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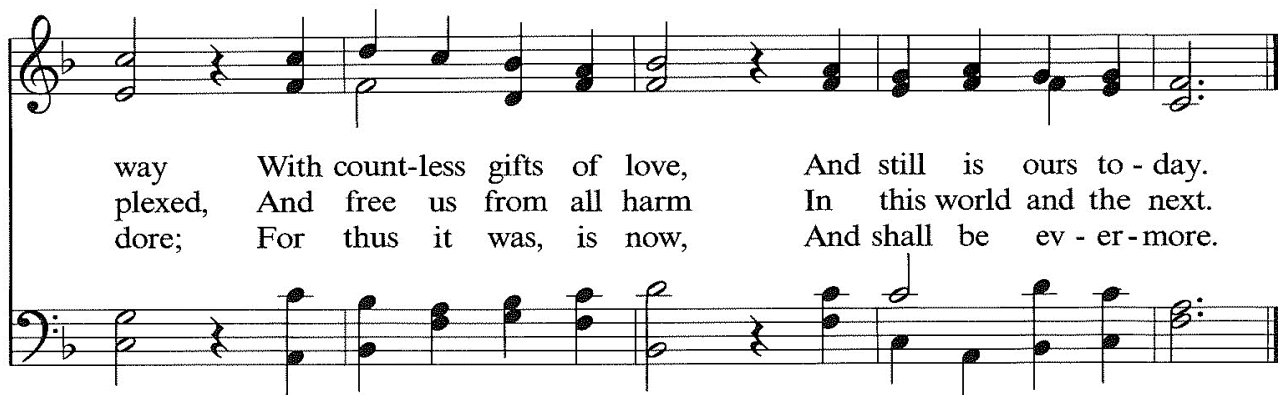
1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -  
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to  
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est



joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our  
cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per -  
heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a -



way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
plexed, And free us from all harm In this world and the next.  
dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

\* Sending

Lucas Wilhelm

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son + and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**



Postlude: *Old Hundredth* (Burkhardt)

Thank you to Union & Salem Youth for serving in today's worship service.

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 (p. 56-76)

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