

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Thanksgiving Celebration
November 27, 2024



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GROW IN HIM ...

GO WITH HIS GOSPEL

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Thanksgiving ... Leads to Thanks-living

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A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

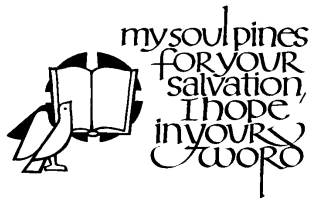
May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Dark Blue (2021) / 'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)

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WORSHIP THE LORD ...

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: Have you grown more content and appreciative of life, material possessions and health and so on, with age? Or were you more content and grateful as a child? When we take a step back, we really have a plethora of things to be thankful about; this is not to say life does not have its difficulties ... we have plenty of those too. And yet, even those difficulties serve a purpose. Tonight, and daily, may we find time to pause and think about life from a thankful point of view. God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good! Give thanks!

PRELUDE

All Depends on Our Possessing
by Benjamin M Culli

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Now Thank We All Our God
Christian Worship Red # 610

**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.**

Minister: We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

(sing, no intro) **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.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: give thanks to him and praise his name.

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Ps 100)

(sing, no intro) **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.**

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Deuteronomy 8:10-18 *Don't Forget*

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

M: And yet, what do we need to admit takes places even with such reminders?

All: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do --- O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

We Thank You for Your Blessings

Christian Worship Red # 615

**We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev'rything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.**

**This day of great thanksgiving We count them one by one:
Our free and fruitful country, The great things you have done,
Our family, our loved ones, The guardian angels' care,
Our very self and heartbeat—Lord, hear our thankful prayer!**

**But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,
Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.**

**Our life now has full meaning—Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.**

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Philippians 4:10-20

Being Content & Thankful

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

Christian Worship Red # 481

**O God, your hand the heavens made And all that they contain;
The world appeared at your command, And in it now you reign.
The restless sea, the land, the sky Your handiwork declare;
The touch of your creative pow'r Is present ev'rywhere.**

**To us are given gifts divine; All talents you have sent.
Inspire us now to use them well Your kingdom to extend.
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor claim it as our own;
We gratefully acknowledge, Lord, All things are yours alone.**

**Deliver us from selfish aims; True stewards we would be.
Endow us with a deep desire To live unselfishly.
A full accounting we must give And see you face to face;
Let us approach your throne with joy, Supported by your grace.**

M: The Holy Spirit reminds us in James 1, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

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

And 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.

CHOIR

A Psalm of Praise

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*With a joyful hosanna, we sing to the Lord;
His marvelous works we proclaim.
Let all glory and honor be His evermore;
Rejoice and give praise to His name.
Let our voices be clear and strong
As we join in a grateful song.
With great exultation, let all of creation
Break forth in a joyful refrain!*

*With a glad alleluia, our voices we raise
To tell of God's mercy and love.
Let our songs of thanksgiving and anthems of praise
Resound in the heavens above.
Let our music declare God's Word
As we share it with all the world.
In great celebration and loud acclamation,
We sing out together as one.*

*Sing, alleluia! Shout a glad hosanna!
Come now and praise Him, make a joyful noise.
Sing, alleluia! Shout a glad hosanna!
Come, people of God, rejoice!*

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Luke 17:11-19 *Not just being 'takers'*

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and

called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Christian Worship Red # 613

**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.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES ... based on Deuteronomy 8

“Remember the Lord your God”

OUR THANK OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.
Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

And we also pray

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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

All Depends on Our Possessing

Christian Worship Red # 421

**All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.**

**Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.**

**Well he knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never—As God wills, so be it ever—
I to him commit my way.**

**If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace.**

M: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Christian Worship Red # 334

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Come, You Thankful People, Come

by George Elvey

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

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Midweek Advent Worship Services
Wednesdays in December ... 4, 11, 18 ... 6:30 pm
Advent Super each week starting at 5:30 pm

Live Nativity – Invite Friends & Neighbors
Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Tour Six Stations ... Enjoy Treats & Activities on the Patio

Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, December 15 at 10:45 am

Sunday, December 22
One Service at 9:30 am

Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm
Carols on the Patio at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day with Holy Communion at 9:30 am

Sunday, December 29 back to 8:00 & 10:45 am

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