


St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THANKSGIVING EVE:
# THERE'S SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

November 25, 2026

## Settle in with Jesus and his family. Welcome home.

**Make yourself at home.** Find any open spot to sit and settle in. Our worship service is designed to praise God and enrich your faith. We make it easy-to-follow with everything printed for you in this bulletin. Feel free to stay after the service to get to know some of the people you worshiped with today. St. Mark's is a place you can call home, and we look forward to seeing you next time!

**Bring the kids.** Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family and our services include a children's message. Parents, you can help your kids follow along today with the Kids' Questions sheet. A quiet room to help a restless child is in the lobby (to the right as you exit the main worship space).

**There's no obligation.** Visitors, while our members regularly give offerings as an expression of thanks to God, you're not expected to give an offering. You are our guests; it's your choice. We're glad you joined us today!

**Restrooms** are at the back of the lobby—women's on the right and men's on the left.

**Questions?** If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with our pastor after the service and visit us online at stmarkslutheran.com.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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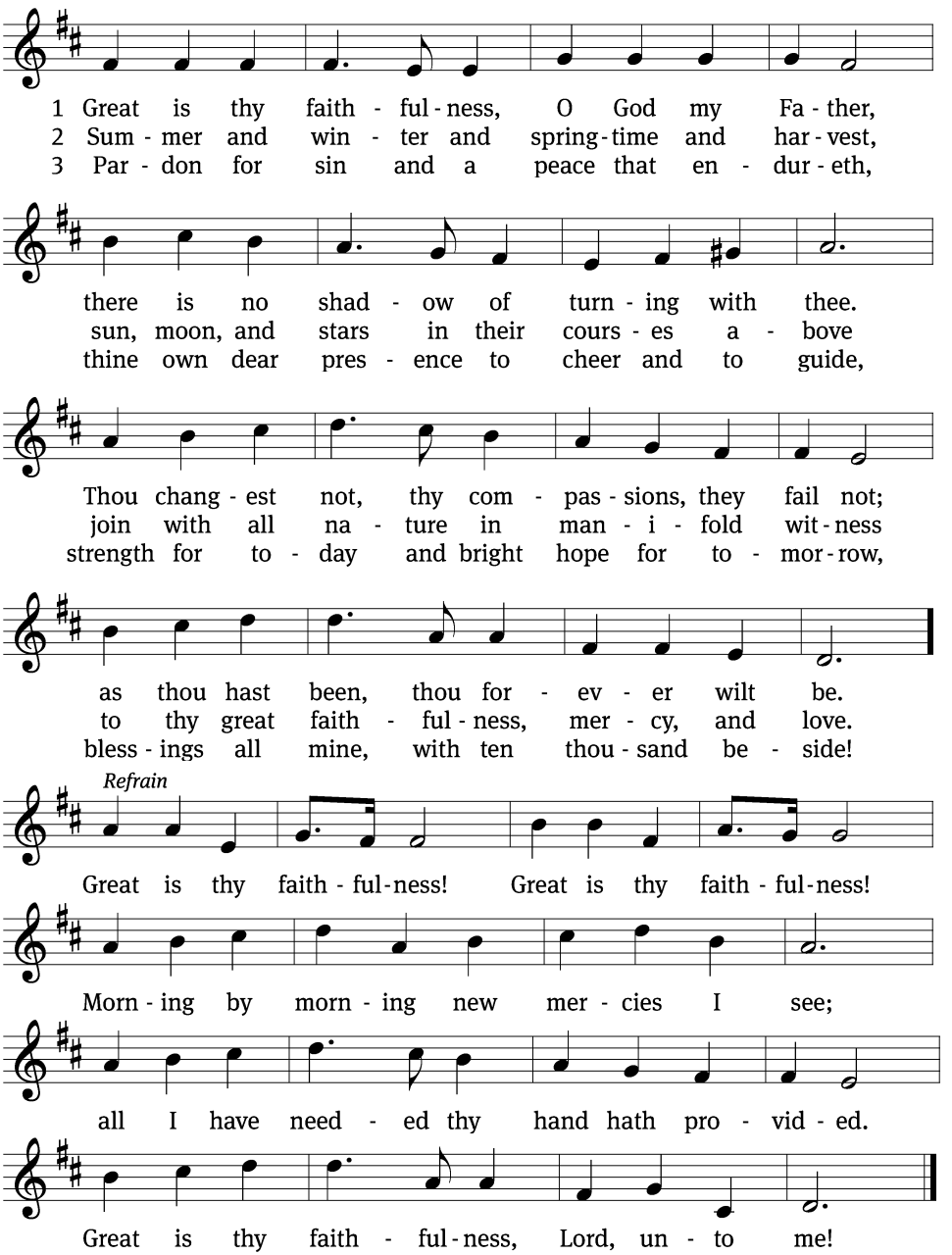


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## Thanksgiving with Psalm 100

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

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.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;**

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;**

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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!**

## Prayer

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

*Choir*

1 Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator,
sun, moon, and stars and angels above.
Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens,
who upholds all his works in his sov'reign love.
God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice! (Oh!)
God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice!

2 Praise the Lord, all mountains and oceans, rolling
thunder and wind and storm clouds on high.
Praise the Lord, your Maker, all living creatures, all the
beasts in the field and birds in the sky.
Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh!)
Both young and old, come and join in the song!

3 Give to God all glory and honor. From the
depths to the heights let praises resound
to the Lord, the source of strength and salvation for all
people on whom his favor is found.
Praise God, you saints he has claimed for his own! (Oh!)
Praise God, you saints he has claimed for his own!

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36When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he
went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37A woman in
that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the
Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.
38As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his
feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them
and poured perfume on them.

39When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself,
"If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and
what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him
five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42Neither of them had the
money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of
them will love him more?"

43Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see
this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water
for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with
her hair. 45You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I
entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46You did not put oil on my
head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47Therefore, I tell you,
her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But
whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

48Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who
even forgives sins?"

50Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## God's Word — Philippians 4:4-9

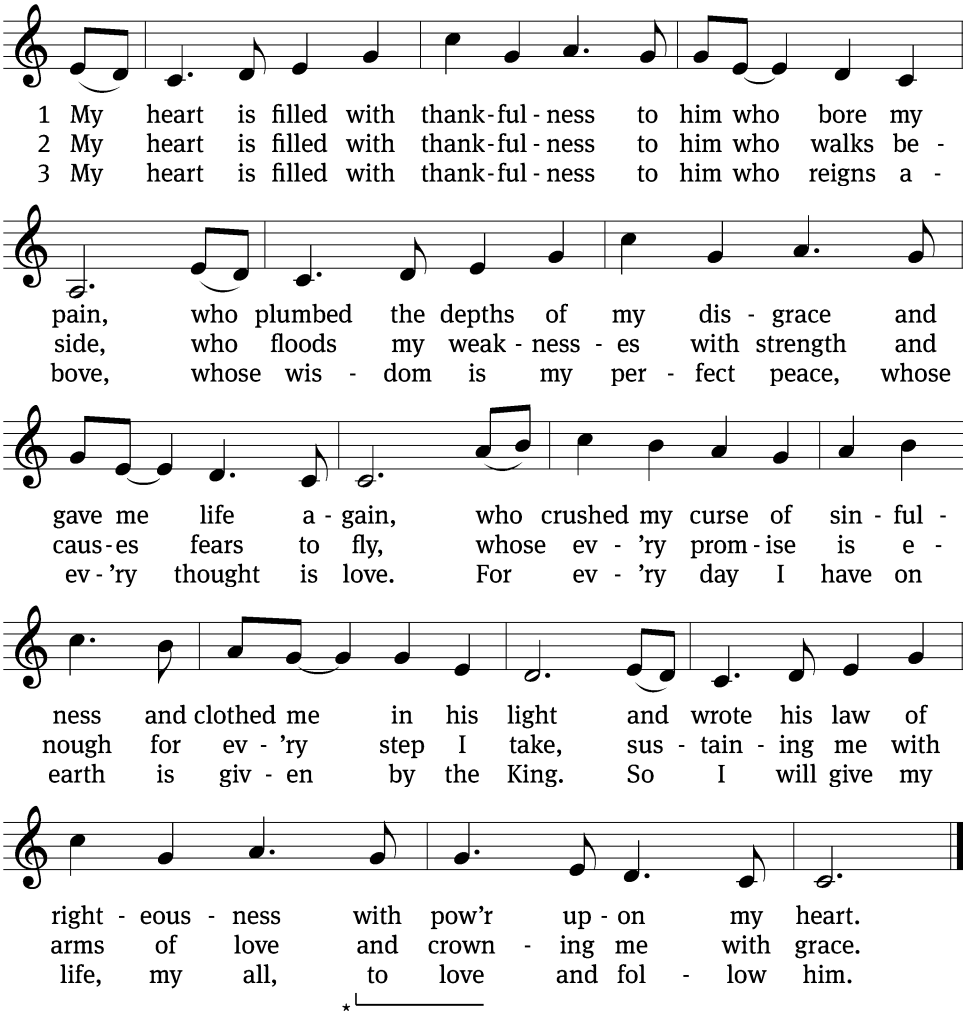
4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your
gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious
about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about
such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from
me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be
with you.

## Children's Message

## My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

*Blue hymnal 626*

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## Message from God's Word 2 Samuel 7:18–22, 25–26a

18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

"Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have
brought me this far? 19 And as if this were not enough in your sight,
Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of
your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

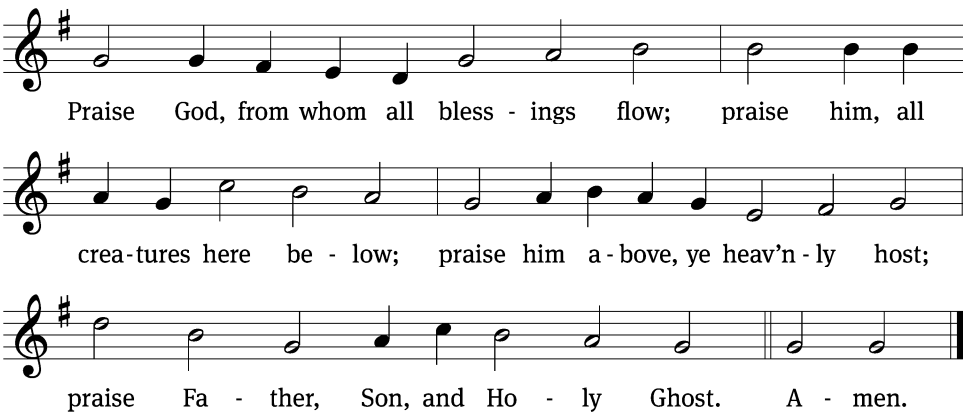
20 "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant,
Sovereign LORD. 21 For the sake of your word and according to your
will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your
servant.

22 "How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and
there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. . . .

25 "And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made
concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, 26 so that
your name will be great forever."

**My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness**

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Blue hymnal 617*

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## Thanksgiving Prayer & Luther's Evening Prayer

*Luther's evening prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen!**

## Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

*Vocalists:*

Now rest beneath night's shadow
the woodland, field, and meadow;
the world in slumber lies.
But you, my heart awaken,
with prayer and song be taken;
let praise to your Creator rise.

You hold me, you hold me,
there's nowhere I can go
where you won't hold me, hold me,
you never let me go;
for the dark is not dark to you,
and the night finds its light in you.

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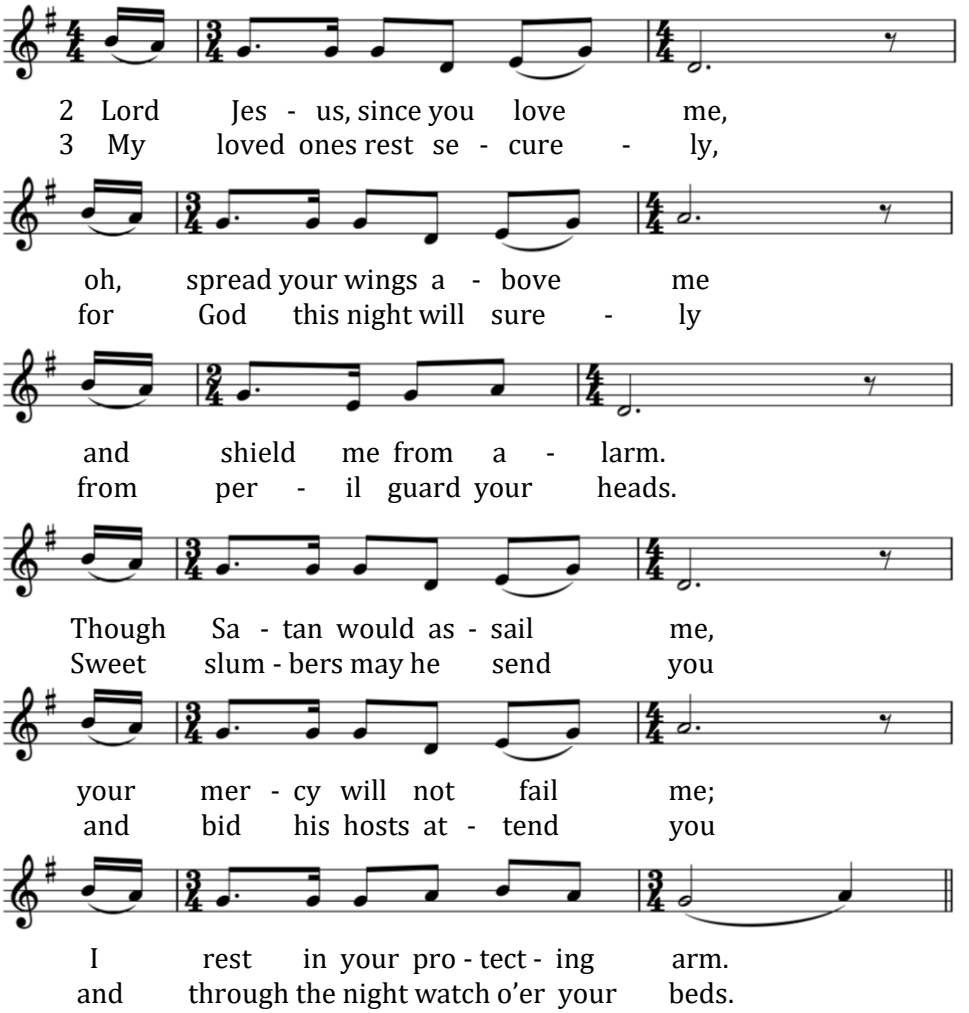
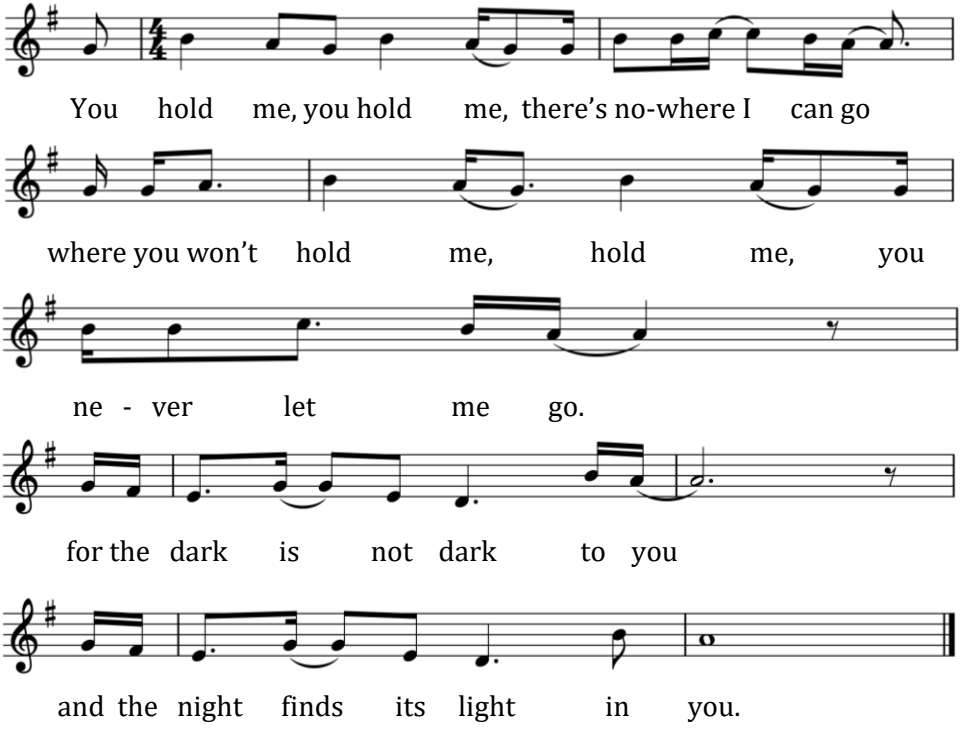

2 Lord Jes - us, since you love me,
3 My loved ones rest se - cure - ly,
oh, spread your wings a - bove me
for God this night will sure - ly
and shield me from a - larm.
from per - il guard your heads.
Though Sa - tan would as - sail me,
Sweet slum - bers may he send you
your mer - cy will not fail me;
and bid his hosts at - tend you
I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
and through the night watch o'er your beds.

*Refrain*




*Last time repeat refrain*

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**Serving at Worship**
Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel
Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek
Guitars: Daniel Joseph, Ryan Olson
Vocalists: Ava Hinaman, Hannah Wetzel, Stephanie Wetzel
Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

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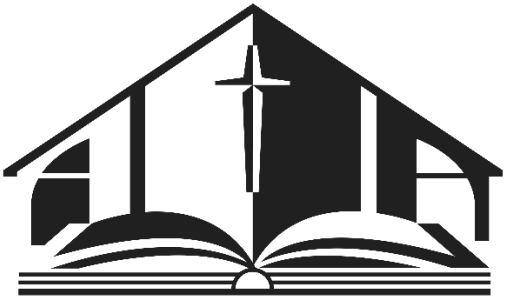


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