

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Eve
25 November 2020**

Call to Worship

Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,
let's praise God together!

For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes, and providing what we need:

let's praise God together!

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Great God who calls us to belonging, who delights in curiosity, invention, ingenuity.
Praise be for minds that bend and flex despite restriction, for bodies that signal love by staying apart.

Praise be for neighbors talking across fences, calling from balconies, waving through windows, for greetings that cross the space between us.

Praise be for strangers, careful on footpaths, for children asking their questions.

Praise be for truth tellers who earn our trust and speak to our fear.

Praise be for friends who warn and chide and encourage, for human warmth in time of distance.

Praise be to God who provides for us.

May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

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Opening Song

Come Ye Thankful People Come

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 then 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!

Thanksgiving Litany

We have bountiful wonders for which to offer you praise and thanksgiving on this day, our good and gracious God.

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For bread served on our tables, eaten for pleasure and nourishment,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For loved ones with whom to share our meals, those we gather with in our homes, those who are far away, those we visit with on screens, and those who we see from a distance,

we praise you.

For those who call us to look toward and serve your people who have no table, family, or bread,

we praise you and ask for strength to serve.

For all the gifts with which you sustain life: rain and sun, water and words, work and government, clothing, homes, and community,

we praise you and ask to receive them with care.

For your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom you have revealed your merciful care for all of creation,

we give you great thanks and praise.

For your abiding presence with us in the risen Christ,

accept our glad thanksgiving.

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For all of these gifts, as well as health care workers, grocery store employees, delivery drivers, scientists, and all who provide for us during this different season of thanksgiving, we praise you, our mighty Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Move us to offer you thanks not only in this season, but in all of our living. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Special Music

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, 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 made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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Prayers of the People

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray. To share whatever gift it is that you have given to us.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To give without counting the cost.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To share without expecting something in return.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To be wise in the way of caring for others and ourselves.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To hold all of our treasures and values with open hands.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To have gospel priorities and to align our life, love, and time in their light.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To be gracious and unbegrudging in our giving.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To know the freedom that comes with true generosity.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service of the Kingdom of God.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To grow in giving thanks for everything.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To be happy with having what we need and to be wise enough to know what it is that we want and do not need.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity so that our hearts are strong enough to give away freely whatever is asked.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

O, gracious God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our

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treasures becomes the norm and the pattern of our existence. Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives, with surprise of joy, growth, and unearned love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song

Now Thank We All our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this 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 all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Worship Assistants

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