

A FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE OF

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Wednesday Evening, November 26, 2025

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worship here this evening may encounter the love of our Savior. According to his promise he is here tonight reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask. We request that each worshiper fill out an attendance card and give it to one of the ushers.

WE BELIEVE that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Christ offers us His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This is a most precious gift which is to be received in humble repentance and simple trust in our Lord's Word and promise. Those who commune together at this altar thereby declare their personal allegiance to the doctrinal position of this Lutheran congregation. Therefore, participation in Communion is normally limited to members of this congregation or of sister congregations within the confessional fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you, as a visitor to our church, wish to attend Communion and join us in that confession of unity in the faith we respectfully request that you speak with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Supper.

IN NOMINE JESU

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PRELUDE
Now Thank We All Our God

By J. Scott

(Stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Text: Henry Alford; Tune: George J. Elvey - "St. George's, Windsor"; LSB #892 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Come, ye 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 Thy fi nal har vest home;



All be 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 Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide For be sup-plied. our wants to First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast, There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy 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 Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- People of God, be glad and rejoice!
- **C** The Lord has done great things!
- **P** The empty sand of the wilderness has become lush green pasture;
- **B** Barren trees have yielded good fruit.
- **P** Bitter grapes have turned sweet on the vine;
- **C** Empty vessels are now brimming with the finest oil.
- **P** The birds of the air flourish and fly beneath the Creator's gracious care.
- The lilies of the field are robed in resplendent white surpassing the glorious raiment of a king.
- **P** Yes, be glad and rejoice, people of God.
- The Lord is doing great things indeed.
- **P** The eyes of all look to you, O Lord,
- and you give them their food in due season.
- P You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

- Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of all that lives in earth and sky and sea. You cause the fertile field to grow; it is by Your mighty power alone that the scattered grain sprouts and grows to produce the abundant harvest. The cattle on a thousand hills are Yours, great God, our King. We rejoice this day in the richness of Your bountiful blessing upon us. We celebrate the harvest home and present before You the sheaves of our thanksgiving. With grateful hearts we sing Your praises and rejoice in Your precious love that fills the living of our days. In Your mercy, hear our songs and prayers this day;
- In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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(Stand) LITANY Psalm 67

- May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
- that your way may be known on earth, 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,
- for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
- let all the peoples praise you!
- **P** The earth has yielded its increase;
- **G** God, our God, shall bless us.
- **P** God shall bless us let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- 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.
- P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
- that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

(Be Seated)





HYMN

Lord, to You Immortal Praise



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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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, [8] a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, [9] a 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.

[10] And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you

given you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:6-20

[6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8] 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. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. [10] I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me. [14] Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15] And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. [16] Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17] Not that

I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18] I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. [19] And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Let All Creation Sing His Praise

By Joseph M. Martin © 1993 Malcolm Music Jubilate Choir

Praise the Lord, all creation proclaim it. Alleluia, praise the Lord.

Let the people of God lift their song singing Alleluia, Let all creation sing His praise.

Ev'ry tribe, ev'ry nation, let the kings of earth bow down.

Sun and moon, stars in the heaven, let them all in praise resound.

Praise ye the Lord, praise His holy name, let all creation lift praises and voices to God.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, all creation proclaim it. Alleluia, praise the Lord.

Let the people of God lift their song singing Alleluia, Let all creation sing His praise.

Praise the Lord, all creation proclaim it. Alleluia, praise the Lord.

Let the people of God lift their song singing Alleluia, Let all creation sing His praise. Alleluia!

(Stand)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON

St. Luke 17:11-19

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

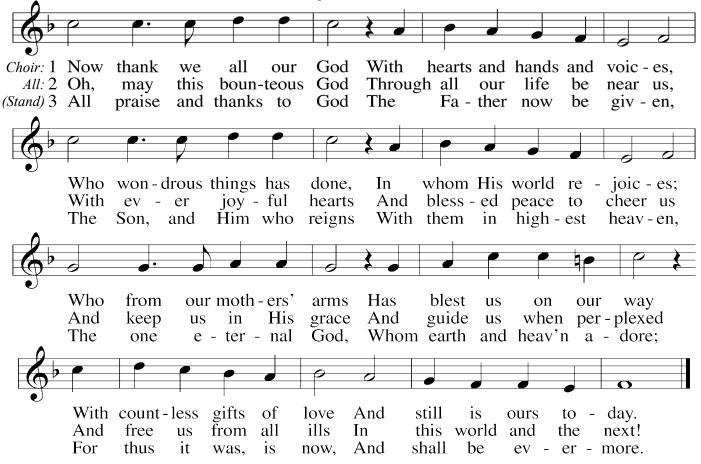
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

SERMON HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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(Stand for Text)

SERMON

Text: Psalm 65 "Crowned with Goodness"

(Stand)

Offering Prayer



VOLUNTARY

A Joyful Psalm

Carillon Ringers

(Stand)

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My H body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

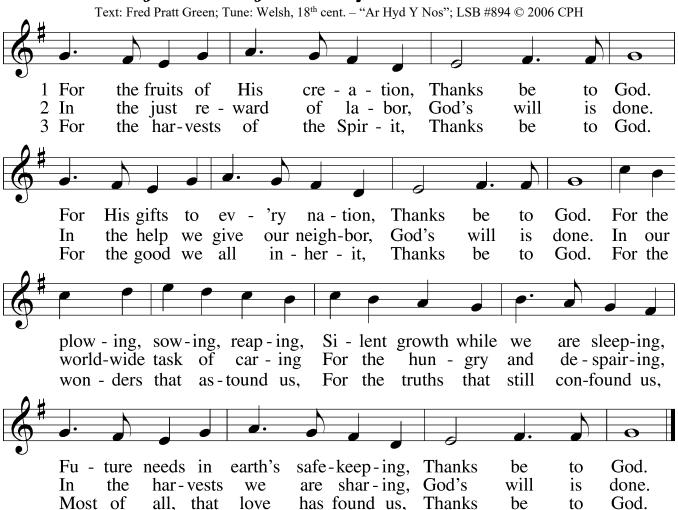
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

For the Fruits of His Creation



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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Blake Crabtree

We Praise You, O God

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(Stand)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Thank the Lord



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- 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.



CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God

by J. Scott





Soli Deo Gloria

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