



Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 7pm

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



*Changing lives with the love of God
to the glory of God*

Christmas Worship Schedule 2025

Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

1:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
With Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
with Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 25th – Christmas Day

11:00 am Christmas Day Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Serving in the Lord's house today:
Jim and Laurretta Sauer

Altar flowers have been given- To the Glory of God

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Prelude: We Praise You, O God

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)
Alleluia!

Call to Worship

L *The earth has yielded its increase;*
G **God, our God, shall bless us.**

Psalm 67:6

L *May God be gracious to us and bless us*
C **and make his face to shine upon us,**
L *that your way may be known on earth,*
C **your saving power among all nations.**
L *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
C **let all the peoples praise you!**
L *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
C **for you judge the peoples with equity**
L *and guide the nations upon earth.*
C **Let the peoples praise you, O God;**
L *let all the peoples praise you!*

Psalms 67:1-6

C **The earth has yielded its increase;**
L *God, our God, shall bless us.*

Psalms 67:6

Welcome

Invocation

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

A The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 8.

¹[Moses Said,] "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. ²And 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. ³And 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. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Litany for Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
C **who has blessed us day by day and enabled us to reach this season.**
- P** For the beauty of the earth and the wonder of creation
C **we thank You, gracious Lord.**
- P** For all that is true and honorable and pure in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
C **we thank You, gracious Lord.**
- P** For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,
C **we thank You, gracious Lord.**
- P** For minds that think and hearts that feel love,
C **we thank You, gracious Lord.**
- P** For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
C **we thank You, gracious Lord.**
- P** For all who pursue peace, and justice, and truth,
C **we thank You, gracious Lord.**
- P** And especially for the gifts of forgiveness, new life, and eternity with God,
C **we thank You, gracious Lord;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns in You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
C **and forever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11–19

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

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

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

Hymn: We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Sermon: Thankfulness Is a Faith Response

Anthem: Unbroken Praise (Worship Band)

Confession of Faith (from the Catechism)

☐ I believe that God has made me and all creatures;
that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,
my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home,
spouse and children, work, car, and all I have.
He richly and daily provides me with all that I need
to support this body and life.
He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true!

Offering

Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically by using the QR code below.



Prayer of the Church

- L** With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayer for the church, the world, and all people in need.

a brief silence.

- L** God of grace and glory, You provide teachers and heralds to proclaim Your gospel throughout the world. We give You thanks for the church and its leaders, that through their work we can rejoice in Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- L** You brought forth creation and filled it with plants and animals, seas and skies. We give You thanks for fruit-bearing trees, abundant harvests, rain, soil, birds, roses and everything You provide. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- L** You desire that all shall have a peaceable life. We give You thanks for civil servants and volunteers, political and social leaders, and all people in authority, and we pray that they work for justice. Lord in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- L** You count all humankind worthy of care. We give You thanks for those who work in medical professions, that through their understanding and skill You provide healing and strength. Tonight we pray especially for..... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- L** You watch over us and care for us. We give You thanks that You protect travelers and those absent from worship, and reveal Yourself to us in our holiday celebrations. Reveal Yourself also to those who spend this holiday alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- L** You ground our lives in the resurrected life and love of Christ. We give You thanks for the saints who have gone before us and continue to inspire us in our lives of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to You this day, trusting in Your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God



- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God

setting, John Behnke