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***Unfailing Light  
Thanksgiving Eve Service***

November 22, 2023  
7:00 p.m.


## GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying,  
“Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”  
So he went in to stay with them.*

### WELCOME


### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Assisting Minister*




O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

*All*




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister*




From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

*All*




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister*




You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

*All*




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister* *All*



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



bless your ho - ly name, O God.

## EVENING HYMN



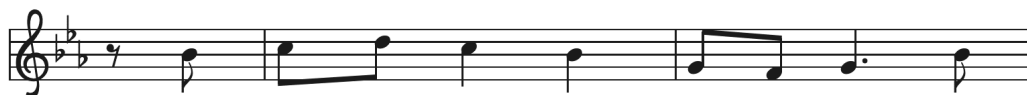
1 Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
 2 You walk with us a - long the way, your  
 3 Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at  
 wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your praise.  
 close of day, our un - known guest, our host and feast.  
 fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at home



You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
 Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the  
 and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick-ened dust with ho - ly breath, and bind - ing us to  
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that hearts might see what  
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O mer - ci - ful, im -



your dear Son, re - newed our life, de - stroyed our death.  
 eyes con - ceal: by grace your pres - ence we re - ceive.  
 mor - tal One, O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

Text: Susan R. Briebl, b. 1952

Music: CANOPY, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## GREETING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Children: This is the day that the Lord has made.*  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day.  
By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,  
give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*The assembly is seated as children come forward for a time together.*

## READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.*

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

<sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who

brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM 65**

<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you,  
O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,

**<sup>2</sup>O you who answer prayer!**

**To you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.**

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.

**<sup>6</sup>By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

**<sup>8</sup>Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

**<sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup>**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

<sup>13</sup>the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel in song.*



## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

<sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?” <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated. Time for reflection follows the sermon.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #975 *O God, Whose Word Well-Planted*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.*



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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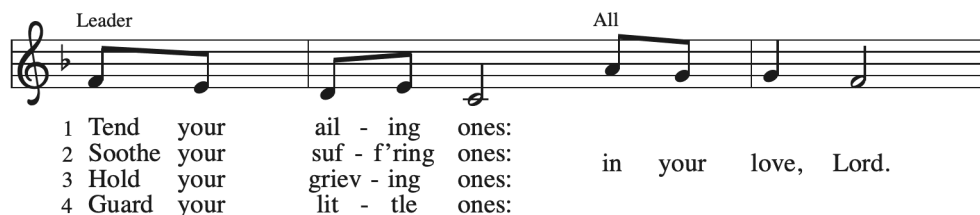
## PRAYERS

*Refrain — All*



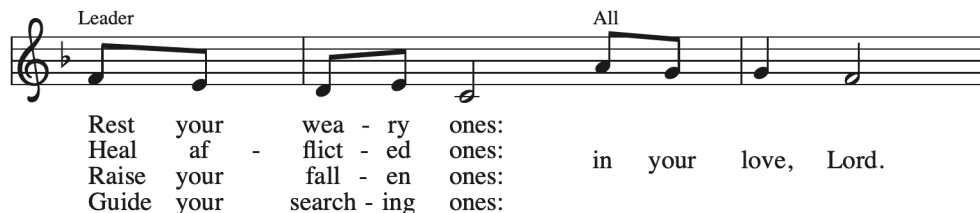
Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,  
 watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; give your  
 an - gels and saints charge o - ver all who sleep.

*Leader* *All*



1 Tend your ail - ing ones:  
 2 Soothe your suf - f'ring ones: in your love, Lord.  
 3 Hold your griev - ing ones:  
 4 Guard your lit - tle ones:

*Leader* *All*



Rest your wea - ry ones:  
 Heal af - flict - ed ones: in your love, Lord.  
 Raise your fall - en ones:  
 Guide your search - ing ones:

*Leader* *All* *Refrain*



Bless your dy - ing ones:  
 Shield your joy - ous ones: in your love, O Lord of all.  
 Mend your bro - ken ones:  
 Grant us all your peace:

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We invite those worshipping by livestream to share a sign of peace in the chat, and for those in person we turn to offer them our greeting of peace before sharing a sign of peace with one another: **Peace be with you!***



## MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with them,  
He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.*

## OFFERING

*Throughout this pandemic our congregation has never stopped serving our neighbors, our community, our world -- all because of your participation and support. This month we are sharing a portion of our offerings for the support of the **Lutheran Diaconal Association (LDA)** [www.thelda.org](http://www.thelda.org).*



*If you prefer to give electronically use [our CLC app](#) or browse to our secure on-line portal at [clcvalpo.org/give](http://clcvalpo.org/give).*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

We bless you, O God, gracious and merciful;  
**You bring forth food from the earth**  
**And nourish your whole creation.**  
**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger**  
**That all may know your care.**  
**Prepare us now to feast upon your mercy:**  
**Jesus Christ, the bread of life.**  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* *All*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider* *All*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

*(An ancient practice invites us to make the sign of the cross in honor of Jesus at the words "Blessed is the One.")*

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the One who comes, who  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars,  
beneath the sea,  
within each cell,  
with every breath.



Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the waters,  
across the wilderness,  
by night and day,  
out of exile,  
into the future.



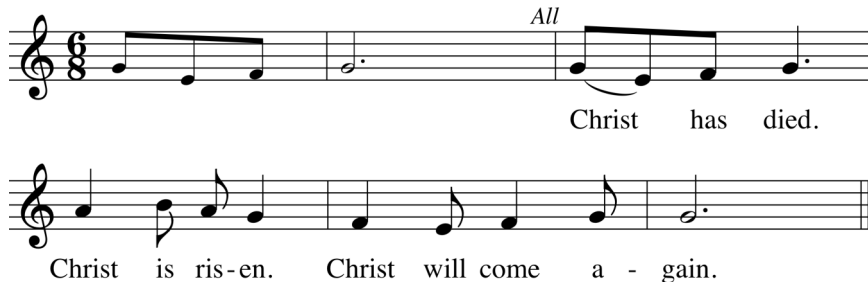
We give you thanks for your Son:  
at the heart of human life,  
near to those who suffer,  
beside the sinner,  
among the poor,  
with us now.



On the night he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

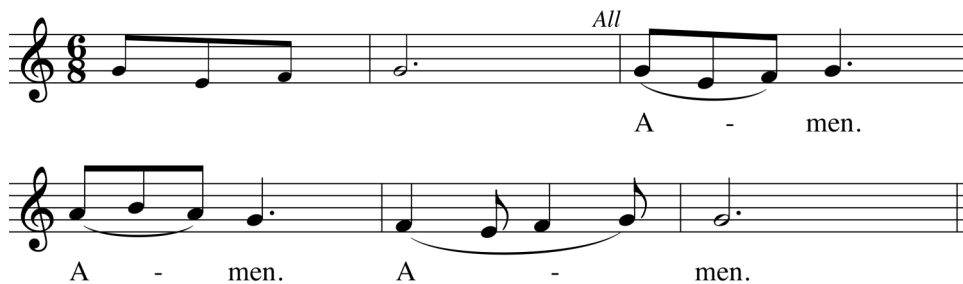
Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in your gathering,  
upon this bread,  
within this cup,  
among your people,  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise,  
 and thanks to you, Holy God,  
 for your mercy,  
 through Christ Jesus,  
 by your Spirit,  
 in your Church,  
 without end.



## LORD'S PRAYER

*Children: The Spirit makes us one. We pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

*The assembly is seated.*

***Holy Communion** is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.*

*The pastor invites those worshipping via **livestream** to commune:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen (receive the bread)**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen (receive the cup)**

**In-person distribution:** When indicated by the ushers, come up the right-hand ramp to approach the altar rail. When finished you may leave individually without being dismissed. WINE is lighter-colored, and GRAPE JUICE is dark; they are received via individual cups in the trays. The COMMON CUP is available for anyone who wishes. USED GLASSES are placed in the basket located near the ramp. GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE, please indicate to the server that you require this. Also, if you unable to come up to the altar, let the usher know so that pastor can bring communion to you.

# COMMUNION HYMN ELW #679

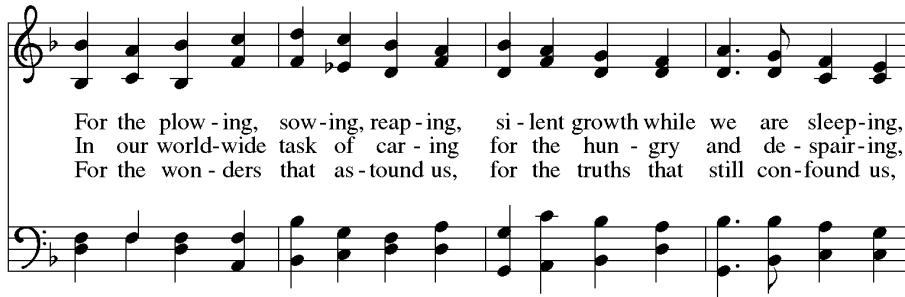
## *For the Fruit of All Creation*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

*All*

Now Lord, you let your  
ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My  
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a  
light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## **SENDING**

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.*

*They told what had happened on the road*

*And how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

## **PRAYER**

Creator of the stars of night,  
We give you thanks for this gift of life.  
Increase our faith and open our eyes  
That we might recognize Jesus  
In all whom you call us to love and serve.  
Abide with us as darkness deepens  
And be our hope and highest joy,  
Until at last with all your saints  
We dwell in your unfailing Light.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this night and always.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

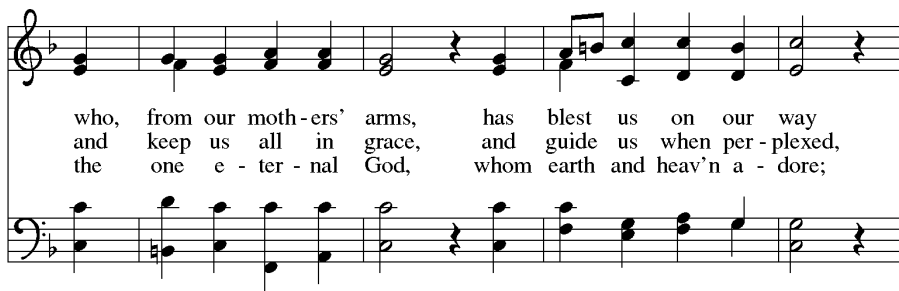
# SENDING HYMN ELW #840



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 this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit it blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in 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 harm, in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **In Everything Give Thanks**

Poet: Unknown

For all that God in mercy sends –  
For health and children, home and friends;  
For comfort in the time of need,  
For every kindly word and deed,  
For happy talks and holy thoughts;  
For guidance in our daily walk –  
In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,  
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,  
For song of birds, for hum of bees,  
For the refreshing summer breeze,  
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,  
For the great ocean's mighty flood –  
In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,  
For the returning morning's light,  
For the bright sun that shines on high,  
For the stars glittering in the sky –  
For these and everything we see,  
O Lord our hearts we lift to thee;  
In everything give thanks!



### **Worship Leaders**

Pastors	Rev. Timothy Knauff, Jr. Rev. Erica Gibson-Even
Director of Music Ministries	Brian Bartusch
Lector	Phil Hahn
Communion Assistants	Amy Knauff Phil Hahn
Ushers	Ed J. Seykowski
Lights & Sound	Tony Reinhold
Livestream	Tony Reinhold