
Thanksgiving

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Worship

November 25, 2026

OPENING ANTHEM (Trio) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The words of the hymn are printed below for you to follow along as the quartet sings the anthem.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. composite.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (spoken)

THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE
selected verses from Psalm 65

M: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

C: O you who hear our prayer, to you all men will come.

(sung) Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.
(CW 612:1)

M: Those living far away fear your wonders;

C: Where morning dawns and evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

M: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

C: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

M: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

C: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

M: The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

C: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

(sung) All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain —
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
(CW 612:2)

M: Because our God of grace uses his mighty power to rescue us, we humbly approach his throne, penitent for our sins and begging for his full and free forgiveness.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(sung) Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, True religion's holier beams—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
(CW 612:3)

M: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

C: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

M: We are filled with the good things of your house.

C: We are filled with the blessings of your holy temple.

M: You answer us, God our Savior, and you save us with awesome deeds of righteousness.

C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

M: You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

C: You calm the roar of the sea; you calm the peoples' uproar.

(sung) As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."
(CW 612:4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. (spoken)

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-4

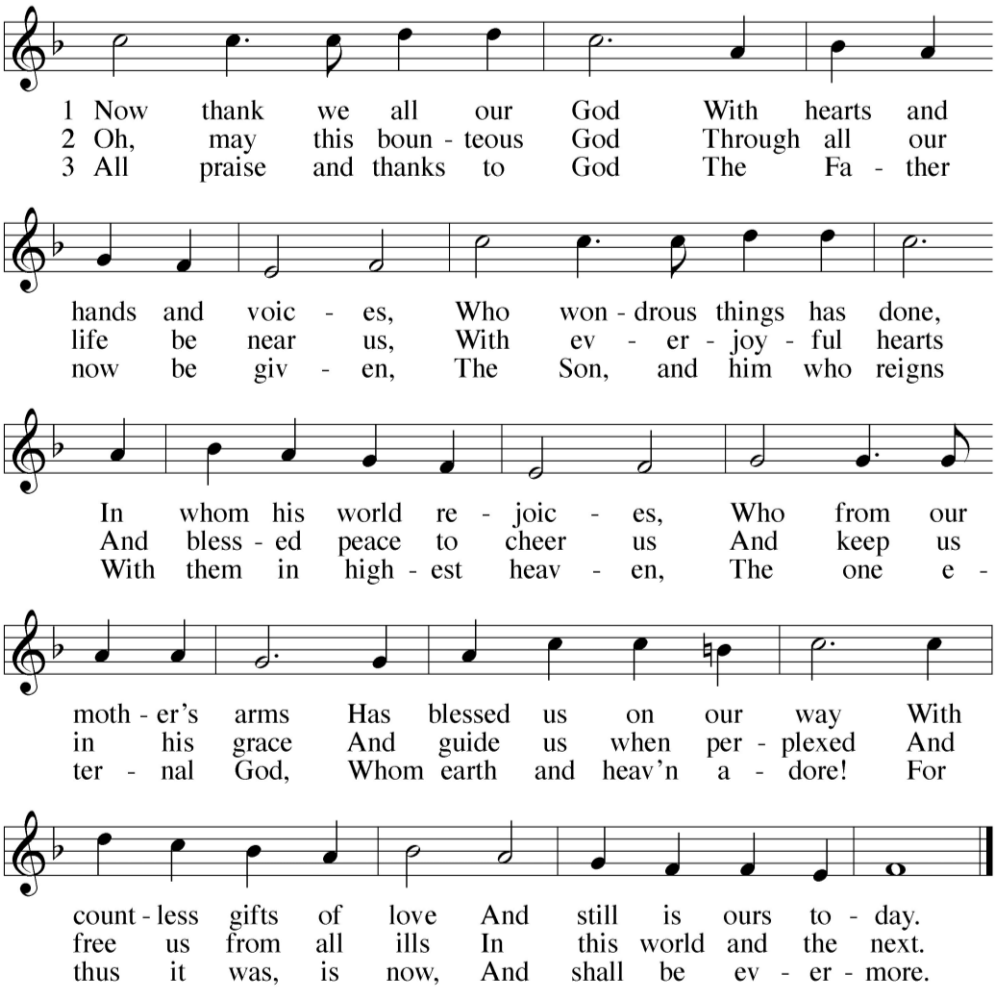
First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made
for all people, [2] for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a
quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. [3] This is good and pleasing in the
sight of God our Savior, [4] who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge
of the truth.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19

[11] On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the
border between Samaria and Galilee. [12] When he entered a certain village, ten men with
leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, [13] they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have
mercy on us!" [14] When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As
they went away they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. 16 He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

HYMN (CW 610) **Now Thank We All Our God**



Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON 2 Chronicles 7:3

When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

Gratitude that Brings You to Your Knees

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from Luther's Small Catechism, First Article)

C: I believe that God made me and all creatures, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, my senses, and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true. Amen.

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register at this time.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, for all the bounty of your good creation. Guide us, that we would not squander what you have so lovingly preserved for our use and supplied in such abundance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, deliver us from anxious thoughts. Help us in everything to make our requests known to you by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, protect your Church in every trouble. Deliver us from famine and peril, preserve us from our enemies and from the enemies of your Word, and give us peaceful hearts in the face of threat and persecution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, graciously remember all pastors and church workers, those preparing for church work, and all who are considering these vocations. Bless their efforts and deliberations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, watch over the homes of your people, that they would be places of blessing and love. We pray that husbands and wives would cherish each other and honor their vows of faithfulness, and we ask you to bless the children given to their care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, bless our nation and its citizens. Give us good leaders, satisfying work, loving families, and a peaceful and quiet life that glorifies your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These and whatsoever other things you would have us ask of you, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

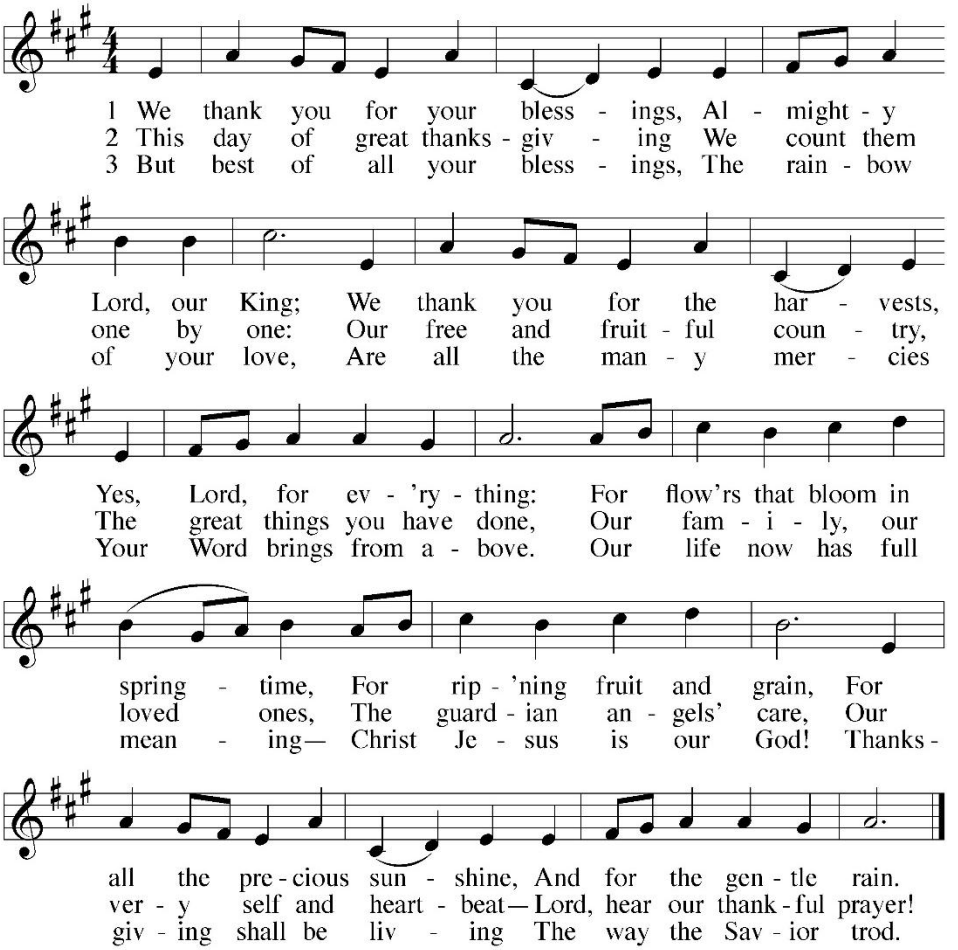
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. (spoken)

CLOSING HYMN (CW 615) **We Thank You for Your Blessings**



Text: Unknown, alt.
Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

CLOSING ANTHEM (Trio) Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

Serving Us This Evening:

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Cathy Gresens
- Usher: Bob Degnan,
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton



Christmas Tree Set Up & Decorating: This Sat. Nov. 28 at 9 am

Refreshments will be served.



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



This evening's service will be recorded
Thank you for Worshiping with us this evening!