

**Thanksgiving Day Worship
November 26, 2020
First Lutheran Church of Longview**



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Schedule of Services:

Sunday Worship and
Holy Communion
8:15 am and 10:45 am
Bible Study 9:30 am

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THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 26, 2020 9:30 AM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to, e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

OPENING DIALOG (Psalm 126:1-3)

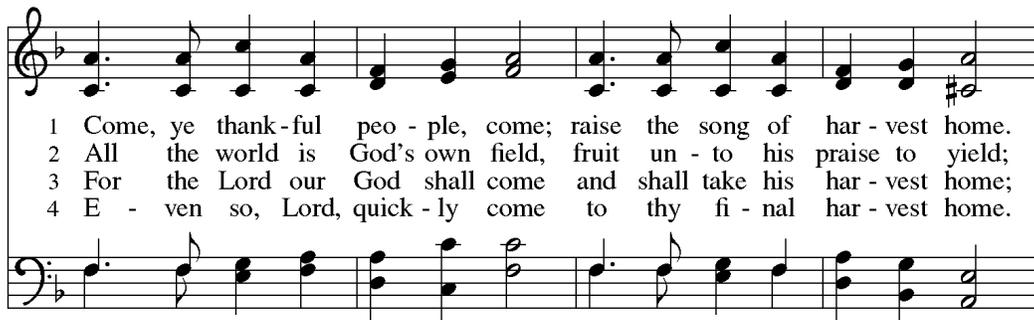
When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for
them."**

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

GATHERING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



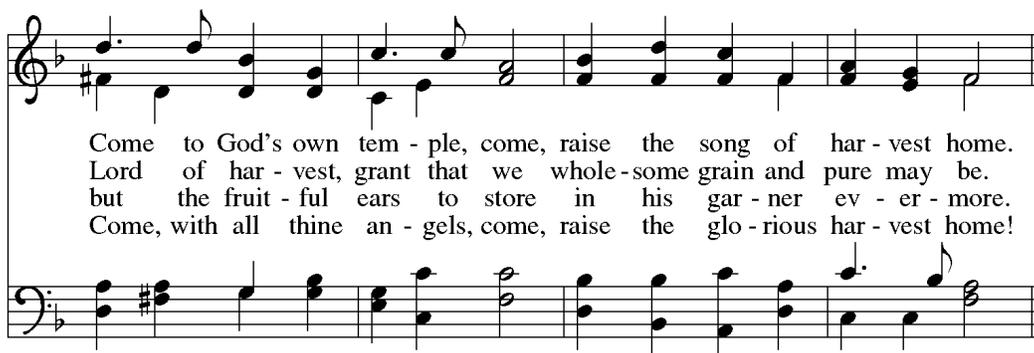
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



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 then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give 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!

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 8:11 – 18

¹¹Take 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. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who 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, ¹⁶and 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. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But 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.**

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Borgwardt

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

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Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

Chords: G, Bm/D, Em, Am/C, D

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Chords: G, C, G/D, D⁷, G

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

Chords: Bm/D, Em, Am/C, D

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Chords: G, C, G/D, D⁷, G

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING WITH ONE ANOTHER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lamb Of God

Tod Sechrist

Women *Men* *All*

Je - su, Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, have

Women *Men* *All*

mer - cy on - - - us. Je - su, Bread of Life, You take a - way the

Women *Men* *All*

sins of the world, have mer - cy on - - - us. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, You

take a - way the sins of the world, Grant us You - - r peace.

Please join in singing the distribution hymns.

HOLY COMMUNION

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I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All A F#m A C#m

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .

D DM7 Esus E

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

A/C# C#m7 D A/C# C#m/E

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who have

F#m AM⁷ DM⁷ Bm⁷/D E

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in to the world.

Refrain - All

E A/C# E/B A D/F# DM⁷ E

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D A/E E⁷ A

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with three different verses provided.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the musical notation from the first system, with the same treble and bass staves and key signature. The lyrics are repeated for each verse.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in the same key signature. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing".

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final line of the Refrain section continues the musical notation from the previous system. The lyrics are: "sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Remember us, and all the faithful, when you come into your kingdom, O Lord. As you have fed us with holy food and drink, send us into the world to live as your holy people, until we come to the full vision of your glory, for you are Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

857 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Chords: G, C/G, D/G, C/G, G, C/G

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your

Chords: D/G, C/G, G, C/G, D/G, C/G

prais-es. I'm so glad you're in my life,

Chords: G, C/G, D, G, C

I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth

Chords: D, C, G, C, D, C

to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

G C D Em

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Am⁷ D G

Lord, I lift your name on high.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you**

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Built-In Gratitude

Usually when moving into a home, the occupant provides furnishings. Empty rooms are filled with the belongings of the new resident. Sometimes a home has furnishings already built in. Perhaps there are beautiful cabinets built into the dining room wall to hold china. Maybe one end of the living room has the handiwork of a cabinetmaker, with shelves ready to hold books and knickknacks, or a bench built in by a window to provide a space for reading or daydreaming. These built-in spaces require no work on our part and are ready to hold us and our belongings.

As Jesus sends ten lepers on their way to the priests, they are made clean. One of the newly healed lepers returns to Jesus in an emotional show of thanks. He falls prostrate at the feet of Jesus and shouts loudly with praise for God. We are not told exactly how the other nine lepers respond—just that they do not “return and give praise to God” (Luke 17:18). We can see from the story that giving thanks to God in the way the one leper does is not built into the experience of healing. It seems the movement to gratitude only comes naturally to one of those cleansed lepers.

One of the beautiful built-in aspects of rituals is an opportunity to participate in what may not always come naturally to us. For us as a nation, the celebration of Thanksgiving is a built-in ritual of gratitude, a day to pause and reflect on what we can be grateful for, something we may not always take time to do.

Similarly, our weekly worship has a built-in ritual of gratitude in the eucharist, our sacramental meal. *Eucharist* means “give thanks,” and it is the word in Greek used to describe the leper giving thanks to Jesus. We call the communion liturgy the “great thanksgiving.” This built-in space for gratitude requires no work on our part and is ready to hold us in God’s grace.

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Celebrate the Christmas Season

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 am

Bible Study 9:30 am

Christmas Eve Worship With Candlelight Holy Communion

In person and on Facebook live

4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 pm