A Gathering of Local Churches

# We Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Eve, November 24th at 7pm
Resurrection Lutheran Church

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# Wholly Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27

# Thanksgiving Eve Service
## November 24, 2021
## 7:00 pm

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
***Pastor Matt Mantey***

## TANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION
**From Abraham Lincoln *(Pastor Matt Mantey)***

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

## CALL TO WORSHIP—PSALM 100
***Pastor Matt Mantey***

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
**C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

P: Know that the LORD is God.
**C: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
**C: Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

P: We give thanks in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit!
**C: Amen!**

# OPENING HYMN

**"Now Thank We All Our God"** *LSB 895*

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Pastor Matt Mantey***

P: Almighty and Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

***Pastor Patrick Eskew***

**First Reading:** Joel 2:21-27
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

**"For the Fruits of His Creation"** *LSB 894*

For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING

***Pastor Kyle Moffitt***

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:25-33
L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON HYMN

**"Creator, We Thank You For All You Have Made"** *Songs of Grace #3*
*Tune: St. Denio -LSB 802*

Creator, we thank you for all you have made:
For trees by the sidewalk that give us cool shade,
For grass-covered ball fields, for flowers downtown,
For wide autumn leaves that turn crispy and brown.

God, thank you for gardens on back corner-lots,
For insects that hide out in old flower pots,
For lions and polar bears living in zoos,
For high mountain trails that have beautiful views.

God, thank you for rainfall that ends a long drought,
For cracks in the sidewalk where little weeds sprout,
For birds that build nests in the tops of the trees,
For hot summer days when we feel a cool breeze.

O God, we give thanks for the places we go,
For cool mountain lakes and for trails in the snow,
For each city park and for each county fair,
For gifts of creation we see everywhere.

## SERMON

**Wholly Thanksgiving**
Joel 2:21-27
*Pastor Matthew Mantey*

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

***Pastor Shaun Higgins***

P: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
**C: We thank you, Lord.**

P: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
**C: We thank you, Lord. Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

# HYMN OF RESPONSE

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"** *HFG 1 verses 1-3, 5*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

**Chorus**
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

**Chorus**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

**Chorus**

For Thy Church that evermore
Lift-eth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:

**Chorus**

For Thyself, best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

**Chorus**

# THANKSGIVING PRAYER

***Pastor Daniel Engelhart***

P: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. Lord, in Your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. Eternal God, our creator, you set us to live in families. We commend your care all the homes where your people live. Keep them, we pray, free from bitterness, from the thirst for personal victory, and from pride in self. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Knit together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect for one another; and light the fire of kindliness among us all, that we may show affection for each other. Lord, in Your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We also thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

*(A Time of Congregational Prayers of Thanksgiving)*

P: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Living our whole lives in thanksgiving to you we are then bold to pray as you taught us to pray…

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Pastor Daniel Engelhart***

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.

## THANKSGIVING SENDING

***Pastor Daniel Engelhart***

P: God of Harvest and Thanksgiving, Gardener Supreme, You place us at the center, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, many we look to a different harvest—a fruitfulness of lives in service to You and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to You in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit.
**C: Amen!**

## CLOSING HYMN

**"All Creatures of Our God and King"** *LW 436 verses 1-3, 7*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam.

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**Chorus**
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.

**Chorus**

O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light.

**Chorus**

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

**Chorus**

## POSTLUDE

*In observance of Thanksgiving the office will be closed tomorrow.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| **Pastors:** | Matthew Mantey, Daniel Engelhart, Patrick Eskew, Shaun Higgins, Kyle Moffitt |
| **A/V Team:** | Dale & Suzy Lindeke |
| **Organist:** | Jackie Kinunen or Karen Tiffany Burgess |