

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bless you, O God, for life and for all experiences that have helped to make us whole. Thank you for feeding and housing us, for multiplying our possessions, and for leading us through difficult times and places. Now, in these moments, we pour out our praise and renew our vows of faithfulness. You have enriched us for great generosity. Therefore, we dedicate, with joy, these contributions that symbolize our loyalty to Christ. May they proclaim good news, even as we live out the gospel in other places. We praise you, O God, for setting us free from limitations and from our ingratitude. Amen

COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.
Return to your homes with joy and thanksgiving.

**We have been cleansed and healed;
let us go our separate ways with great rejoicing.**

God will increase the harvest of your righteousness;
through you, many lives will be blessed.

**We have been equipped to render service;
let us join with all God's saints in thankful labor.**

The grace of God goes with you and dwells in you;
thanks be to God for this inexpressible gift!
**Praise God, whose strength has established mountains;
praise God, whose power stills the roaring seas.**

Amen.

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SENDING HYMN #533

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Thanksgiving Eve Service

7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

WOV #754

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise and thanksgiving are due to God this day;
let us glorify our God together.

**God has fed us in the wilderness with manna;
God has led us to this time of plenty and promise.**

The year is crowned with God's bounty;
we have received abundance to be shared.

**God visits the earth and waters it;
God scatters blessings to nourish the poor.**

Surely God is touching and healing us;
give thanks that we are called to God's service.

**God will direct us in new ways of living;
God will confirm in us our covenant in Christ.**

CALL TO CONFSSION

How soon we forget the grace of God and the faith that
makes us well! How easily we take credit for the gifts that
God alone provides! In wonder at God's patience with us, we
are drawn back to the One who blesses and empowers us.
Let us pray that God will once more deliver us from
ingratitude and false pride.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are unprepared to meet you, Gracious God. We
have pursued our own concerns day after day and night
after night. We scarcely know how to talk with you. We
have eaten well without being grateful. We enjoy
clothing and shelter, mindless of the multitudes who
lack these necessities. We take good health for granted,
as our due. Forgive our ingratitude. Have mercy on us
now. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rise, let us go on our way, living by the faith that makes us
whole. God will multiply our resources and supply our needs.
When transgressions prevail over us, God forgives. Surely the
covenant God swore to our spiritual ancestors is confirmed in
us. God hears our prayers and blesses us, delivering us from
our fears and affirming our hope.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, who supplies us with every blessing in
abundance, lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving.
Open us to remember the gifts we seldom notice, the
bounty we take for granted, the rich possibilities you
provide. For bread without scarcity, for water that is pure,
for houses to live in and friends to enjoy, we give you
humble thanks. For beauty and bounty, for healing and
hope, for the gospel of Christ, we lift our voices in joyful
praise. Dwell with us now. Amen

READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

SERMON

HYMN #407

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Those who sow sparingly will also reap sparingly, and all who
sow bountifully will also reap bountifully. Give, then, as you
have been blessed, recognizing the abundance God has so
richly supplied. Give in joyful thanksgiving for the
inexpressible gifts of God.