

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## October 11, 2020 Thanksgiving Sunday

### Introduction to the day

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.



*We gather each week to worship and pray on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. For thousands of years they have walked on the land and paddled the waters of the Salish Sea. We are grateful to the Squamish and the Tsleil-Waututh Nations for their stewardship of these lands and adjoining waters throughout the ages.*

## Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through ☩Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

*In order to maintain safety for all – we will sing the hymns only if we are wearing a mask and with subdued voices.*

## Gathering Hymn – How Great Thou Art, verses 1 & 2



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.**

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 65

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths over flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

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.**

## Hymn of the Day – Great is thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

### *Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

## Intercessions for Thanksgiving Sunday

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, confident of your abundant mercy.

### *A brief silence*

For the church that even in the midst of global sorrows she can rejoice in your salvation; For bishops, pastors and church leaders who continue to lead and guide us; for all the baptized who find ways in this difficult time to uphold what is honorable and just.

**We give you thanks.**

For the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the life-giving love of family and friends.  
**We give you thanks.**

For the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see,  
for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings.  
**We give you thanks.**

For the communities to which we belong:  
for families, for friends,  
for neighbors and for work companions  
**We give you thanks.**

For our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, all nations and all faiths.  
**We give you thanks.**

For the multitude of ways that you call us to steward the gifts of creation and to serve others in your name.  
**We give you thanks.**

For the people of the United States and the citizens of our own province as we prepare to participate in the democratic process. That we be preserved from discord, rancor and violence, and that the election process be just. For all engaged in public life, with their families, friends and colleagues, that nothing may demean or do them harm.  
**We pray to you, O God our Ruler.**

For the companionship we share and the bountiful goodness of the bread we break together.  
**We give you thanks.**

For all who are sick with the virus—from rulers to refugees to be healed,  
that people living with fear be comforted,  
that medical workers be supported and medical supplies be made everywhere available,  
and that a vaccine be developed and fairly distributed.  
**We pray to you, O God our Healer.**

For all who cannot worship with us this day: those who are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, or keeping themselves safe at home *especially Janice, Billy, Tilly, Lois Nield, Pat, Aud, and others we name out loud or in the quietness of our hearts.*

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*A period of silence*  
Comfort their hearts and ours with your healing presence.  
**We pray to you, O God our Shepherd.**

For the saints of every time and place that you hold us in communion with them until all are united at your heavenly banquet.

**We pray to you, O God our Guardian.**

God of all goodness, we pray in thanks for your presence among us as we gather together here in this sanctuary and from our homes online, and your promise to be with us now and always. **AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*If you wish to make an offering to the church you may place it in the basket located at the entrance to the church.*

### **Offering Prayer**

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
**Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All-merciful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

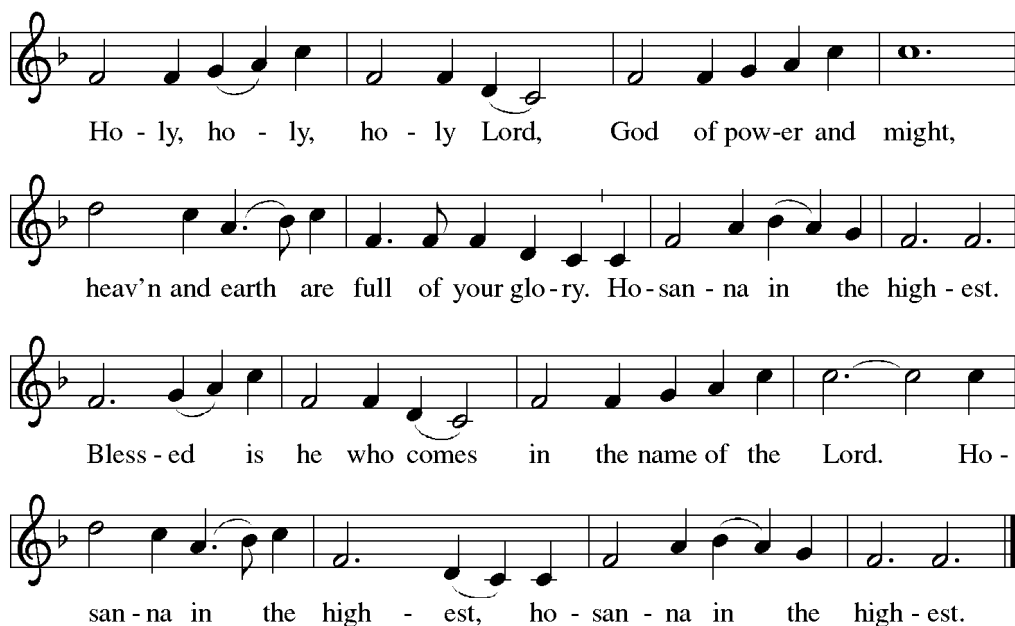
We acknowledge You as the Lord of all nations,  
the Creator of land, and sea, and sky,  
the Source of the wonders of nature and salvation.



Through Your Word You called all things into being,  
that You might bestow on us Your love  
reflected in the vastness of the universe  
and the bounty of this earth.

You placed creation in our care,  
yet You alone sustain all life with the gentle dew of Your Word  
and the life-giving breath of the Spirit.  
Your gifts of nature have not exhausted Your goodness,  
for the fullness of Your love is revealed in the sending of Your Son  
and the imparting of the Spirit.

Our hearts are moved to thankful praise,  
and so we join the choirs of angels and saints  
in proclaiming Your glory as we sing:



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

In the night in which 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.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **Communion**

Taste and See that the Lord is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
**Amen.**

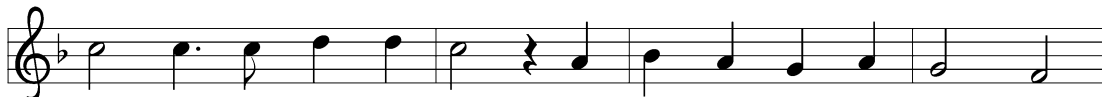
## **Blessing**

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✠Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn – Now Thank We All our God



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 blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed 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 ever more.

## Dismissal

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Harvest Project:** Due to the COVID crisis the Harvest Project is not able to receive clothing or food donations. We are invited to help provide groceries for vulnerable and needy families and individuals by purchasing a grocery store gift card.

1. **Donate online:** By clicking here - [https://fundrazr.com/harvestprojectCOVID?ref=ab\\_d8xEc8\\_ab\\_49bQd9](https://fundrazr.com/harvestprojectCOVID?ref=ab_d8xEc8_ab_49bQd9)
  2. **In-person or by mail:** At their offices during business hours at 1073 Roosevelt Cr., North Vancouver, BC V7P 1M4.
  3. **By phone:** At 604-983-9488 x315 to speak with an Administrator.
- The office will be closed on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Pastor Vida will be away next week on a retreat as part of her study leave.



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