

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 23, 2025
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
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Proclamation of the Day

In the first year of the presidency of George Washington in 1789, a Day of National Thanksgiving was set aside for the last Thursday of November. Since that time, Americans have celebrated this day in remembrance of all the blessings which God has poured down upon this nation and her citizens.

In the presidential proclamation for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln had this to say:

"It is the duty of nations as well as of citizens to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord....

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. 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 as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Please rise if it is comfortable

Responsive Call to Worship for Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

God blesses us with gifts of love:

With food and clothing, home and family.

God blesses us with daily work:

And all we need from day to day.

God protects us in time of danger:

And guards us from every evil.

God calls us into relationship with him:

And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

Therefore, shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

♪ **Gathering Hymn: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ELW 693**

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please Be Seated

A Reading from History

The Mayflower Compact, 1620

In the name of God, Amen.

We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, king, defender of the faith etc.:

Having undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia;

Do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid;

And by virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the eleventh of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini 1620.

Please rise if it is comfortable

♪ **Gospel Acclamation** *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage ELW #509*

Gospel: John 6:27-35
The Gospel of Our Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Please Be Seated

Sermon

Pastor Mark Taylor

♪ **Hymn of the Day:** *Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689*

Prayers of the People

Almighty and Generous God, we bring before you, in our hearts and on our Thanksgiving table, the gifts and blessings which you have given us this year. And, in humble gratitude, we give you thanks for them. We thank you as well for the blessings which come to us through the peace and prosperity of our nation, our state and our town.

We praise you, and we thank you, O God.

We acknowledge that as we have greatly received, so are we responsible. Therefore, O Lord, keep us from being unfaithful in our lives as citizens of this nation and as recipients of all that past generations of Americans have bequeathed to us. Help us to be worthy of our ancestors and of their God.

Help us, O God, to be faithful.

To all the high desires of the pioneers and prophets,

Help us, O God, to be faithful.

To their belief in the possibilities of a common people:

Help us, O God, to be faithful.

To their passion for freedom and their readiness to die in its defense:

Help us, O God, to be faithful.

To their scorn of tyranny, and their trust in men and women to rule themselves:
Help us, O God, to be faithful.

To their vision of a human commonwealth in which the people of many lands may share:
Help us, O God, to be faithful.

To their release from the prejudice of an old world and their will to build a new one:
Help us, O God, to be faithful.

As our ancestors trusted in you, O Lord, you delivered them:
Keep us ever close to you.

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom.
Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you,
that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

May God grant them peace and perseverance. Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with Christ's peace

🎵 **Offertory Hymn ACS #1064: Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom**

Litany for Thanksgiving

As the pioneers of the Plymouth colony gathered around the feasting table with native Americans in 1621 to give thanks for all that they had been given by our Bountiful Provider, so we too gather on this Eve of Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all those gifts which the Lord has seen fit to give us, especially for our country, our state and our town.

Let us pray:

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

**Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending prayer:

♪ Holy, Holy, Holy 473 ELW

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, in great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

♪ *Eat This Bread 472 ELW*

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

♪ Communion Hymn: *We Come to the Hungry Feast 479 ELW*

Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us in God’s grace.

Blessings for Thanksgiving

May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.
May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.
May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.
And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen

Please rise if it is comfortable

♪ Sending Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679

Dismissal

Go in peace. Feed the world with eternal bread.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements			
Tuesday	11/25	11:00 a.m.	Silver Crowns
Sunday	11/30	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Lutheran World Relief is collecting notebooks and ball point pens. Donations can be put in Narthex
Every **Monday at 1:00** we would like to invite anyone interested to come tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief