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Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

*** Call to Worship**

P: Give thanks to God,

C: For God's creation is amazing.

P: The sun warms our day,

C: The moon lights our nighttime way.

P: The earth is filled with bounty,

C: A cornucopia of plenty.

P: Give thanks to God,

C: For God's love is everlasting;

P: A constant source of comfort,

C: A companion in hard times.

P: God is my strength and song,

C: So my heart is filled with praise.

*** Gathering Hymn 880**

“O God beyond All Praising”

*** Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

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 Lesson: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

¹ “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!
² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence | with a song.
³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;**
we are God’s people and the sheep | of God’s pasture.
⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God’s | holy name.
⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,**
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

Second Lesson: *Philippians 4:4-9*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *John 6:25-35*

²⁵ When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 829

“Have You Thanked the Lord?”

* Prayers of the People

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* Benediction

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen

* **Hymn 881**

"Let All things Now Living"

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please pick-up your Advent devotionals on the table in the main narthex.

Get out your calendars and mark the dates!!! On Friday, December 5th – 6:30pm, you are invited to attend an Advent Craft night. There will be crafts for all ages, and in the near future we will share what those crafts are. We have elves behind the scenes make some so you can see what will be available. To help offset the cost of materials, if you are able, we will be asking for five dollars (\$5.00) per family. The evening would not be complete without snacks so please bring something to share.

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On Sunday, December 7th immediately following the service you are invited to stay for a light lunch and Hanging of the Greens. We will be decorating the Christmas tree, the sanctuary and the narthex. During lunch you will be invited to participate in some Christmas trivia and as we decorate the building will be filled with the music of the season. Please join your fellow congregation members as we celebrate the season.

Organized by Laura Simmons Crabtree fundraiser for REACH Meal – **Christmas Bazaar – December 13th 10:00am-3:00pm** Shop local handmade Businesses for your Christmas gifts.

