



Thanksgiving Worship

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
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**Welcoming all
Reaching out in love
Growing together in Christ
Worshiping and serving in Jesus' name**

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Children are an active part of Memorial's community of faith! We welcome you to worship each week! Children's bulletins and Quiet Bags (lots of exciting things to do!) are available at the doors coming from the parking lot. Please take one of each as they may help your children bring smiles into our time of worship!

Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church. As you prepare for Worship, please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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INVOCATION

Sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts, always thanking God. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 104:24, 27, 28, 30-31

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom, you have made them all;

The earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up;

When you open your hands, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

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

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, a day we set aside as a nation to give thanks to our God, who graciously gives us all things. In one of Paul's letters to Timothy, he urges that “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” For each one of us, there are people we struggle to be thankful for.

We confess our struggles and our sins to God, seeking His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Silence for personal confession and prayers

God created this world and everything in it, including all of the people who live in it. According to God's gracious will, He “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Here's the truth: God loves the people of this world so much that He sent His Son,

Jesus, into the world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. By the command of Christ and through the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

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, ²you 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. ³You 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.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you 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. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The 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; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So 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 Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. **Alleluia.** (Psalm 136:1)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 840

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **His love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully. **Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

For the good of the world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors. **Thank you, God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for communion, hopes and hardships shared from birth to death. **Thank you, God.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement. **Thank you, God.**

For marriage, for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love. **Thank you, God.**

For family, for living together and eating together, for family amusements and family pleasures. **Thank you, God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and their startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies. **Thank you, God.**

For the young, for the high hope, for their struggles with work and home, for their search for relevance. **Thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience and age; for rest and leisure; and for time made precious by its passing. **Thank you, God.**

For your presence in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in times of temptation and danger. **Thank you, God.**

For the church into which we have been called, for the good news we receive by word and sacraments, for our life together in the Lord. **Thank you, God.**

For the Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship. **We praise you, God.**

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation, for our hope in him and for the joy of serving him. **We thank and praise you, God our Father, for all your goodness to us.**

We give you thanks, almighty God, for all that you continue to do for your people and creation. We implore you to be with all who travel this holiday season that they may go and return in safety. We pray for those who are lonely, those who are forsaken, those who suffer in any way. Be a constant presence for us all, and may we always be grateful for our blessings. **Thank you, O Lord, thank you. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY “*Let All Things Now Living*” **Senior Choir**

The Ushers will collect the offering.

Please stand as you are able.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God our Father, from whose hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude, accept these gifts of bread and wine, and let the perfect sacrifice of Jesus draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters in the human family, through Christ our Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE FOR THANKSGIVING

Father, all-powerful 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, sea, 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 of all time and places in proclaiming Your glory as we say:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Read Together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who say this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith and truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your son Jesus Christ; Through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty father, was the Holy Spirit, in your holy church both now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray.

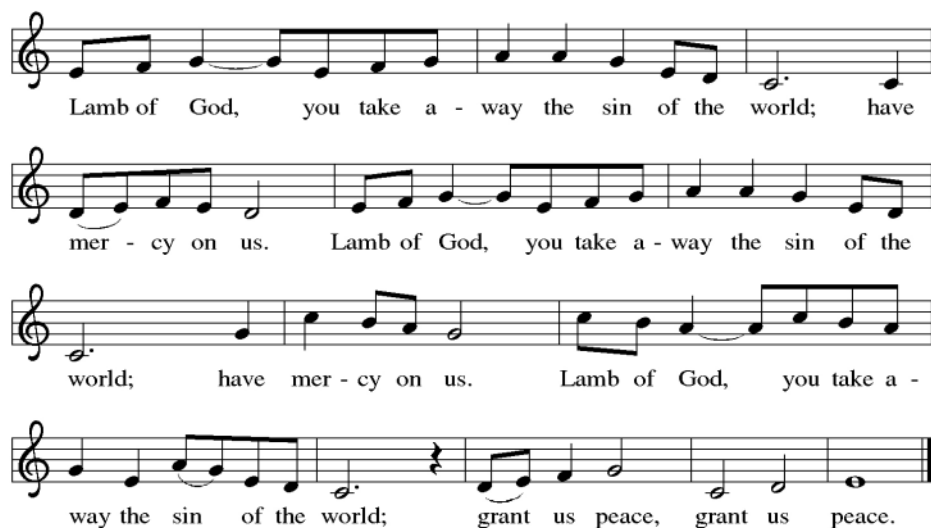
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

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The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note B-flat, followed by a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? Come, eat, and live.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say your word and my soul shall be healed.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward by the center aisle at the usher's direction. If you choose to have wine for communion, take an empty cup from the usher. If you prefer grape juice, receive a pre-filled cup at the altar. If you or a child has never received the sacrament, fold hands to receive a blessing instead. After receiving communion or a blessing, you may choose to remain at the altar for extra time in prayer. When you return to your pew do so by the side aisles. Please deposit the empty cup in the basket.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

In this celebration, O Lord our God, you have shown us the depths of your love for all your creation. Help us, we pray, to reach out in gratitude to you always, so that we may share with all people the good things of time and eternity, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

ELW 873

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE *"Processional"*

- Shaw

To remember those less fortunate.

Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

— *Samuel F. Pugh*



Happy Thanksgiving



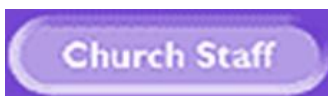
Let us give thanks!



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