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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY AND SEASON OF CREATION
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Season of Creation
Worship in-person and livestream

With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Insert
Gathering Song Now Thank We All Our God red book No. 840
Greeting
Kyrie Page 213
Glory to God Page 213
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message
First Reading Exodus 32:1-14 ...Thanks be to God.
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9 ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation Page 216
The Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14 ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon
Hymn of the Day Look Who Gather at Christ’s Table blue book No. 977
Prayers of the People Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.
Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.
We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts
Offering Song Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - Alford/Raney - choir anthem
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving The Creator be with you. ...And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. ...We lift them to our God.
Let us give thanks to Creator, our God. ...It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Insert
Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer Page 112
Lamb of God Insert

All are welcome at Christ’s table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs As the Grains of Wheat red book No. 465
Come, Let Us Eat red book No. 491
The Lord Is My Shepherd - Bobby McFerrin - quartet

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song Sent Forth by God’s Blessing red book No. 547
Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.
Postlude

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to all who contributed for hosting coffee hour.
The flowers today are from Sabine Lehr in loving memory of her mother Christa Birkenstock

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister Jeanie Stann
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Carolyn Hoekstra
Artist in Residence Kira Gill
Choral Scholar D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming Skylar Smith
Communion Chris McDonald, Alissa Cartwright
Ushers Don Storch, Thiago Hinkel

Refrain: Remember, O Lord, the favor you have for your people

¹ Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

² **Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
or proclaim in full God's praise? R**

³ Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your salvation;**

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your elect and
be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

⁶ **We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly. R**

¹⁹ They made a bull-calf at Horeb
and worshiped a molten image;

²⁰ **thus they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

²¹ They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,

²² **wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

²³ So you would have destroyed them,
had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from consuming them. **R**

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Livestream Text

Exodus 32:1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord."

⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. 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.

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