

Akron Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 23, 2026
at 6:30 pm

Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church

4809 S Newstead Rd.,
Akron, NY 14001

Pastors for this evening's service:

Rev. Rick Mollenkopf-Grill, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, S Newstead
Rev. Pam Klotzbach, Akron First United Methodist Church
Musicians: Julie Conschafter, David Hofmeier, and the Trinity Choir

Prelude, Welcome & Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
ALL: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

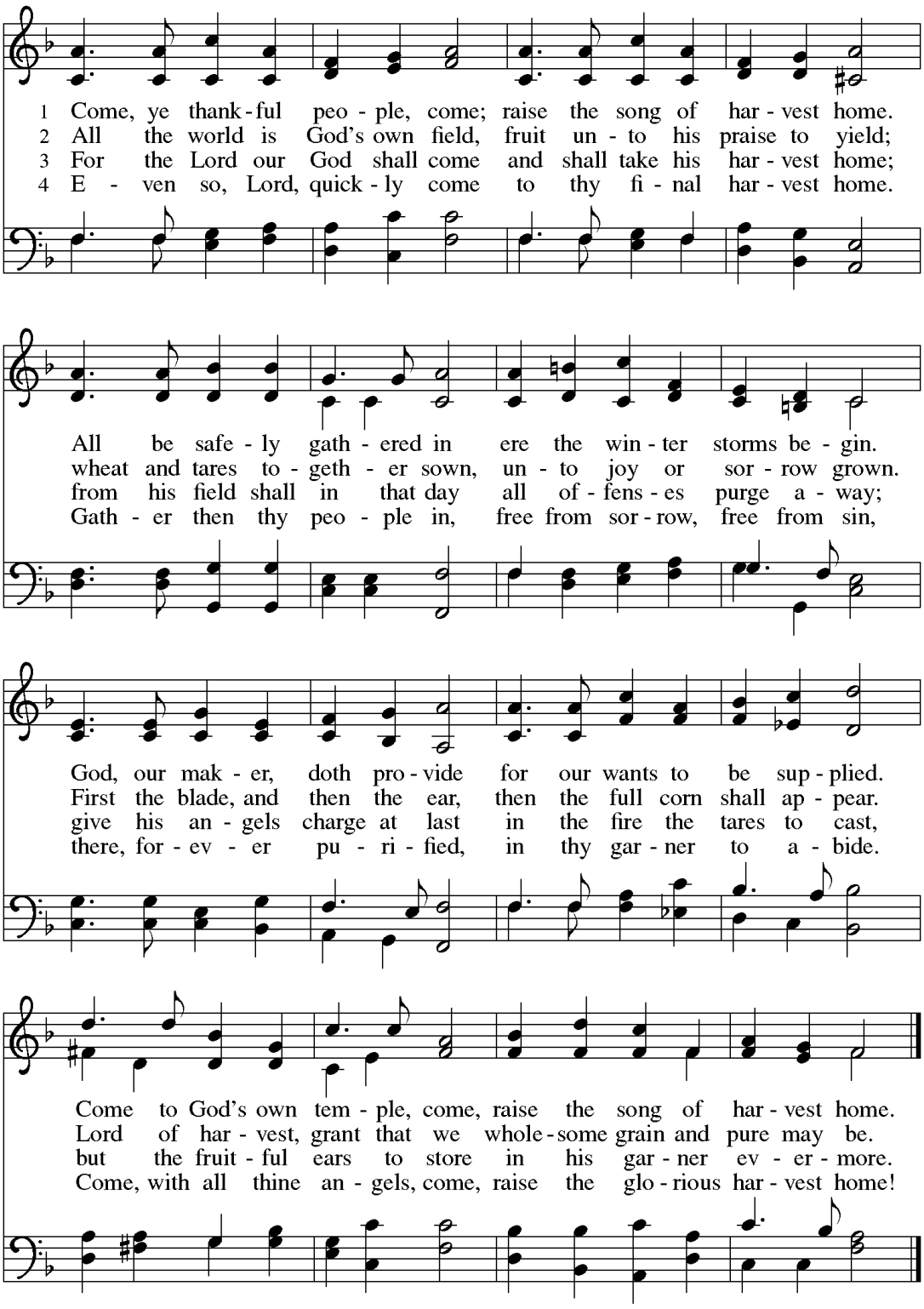
ALL: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

L: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn:

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
L: 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

L: 7 "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, 8 a land of wheat and
barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 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. 10 You shall eat your fill and
bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.
11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today.
12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when
your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that
you have is multiplied, 14 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, 15 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. 16 He 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. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten
me this wealth.' 18 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."
The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 65

L: 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
ALL: 2 **To you, the one who answers prayer,**
to you all flesh shall come.
L: 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
ALL: 4 **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.
L: 5 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.

ALL: [6] **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**
L: [7] You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
ALL: [8] **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.**
L: [9] 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.
ALL: [10] **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
L: [11] You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
ALL: [12] **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**
L: [13] 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

L: [6] [Paul writes:] The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] 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.
[9] As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

[10] 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. [11] You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, [12] for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. [13] 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 partnership with them and with all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. [15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Choir Song: All Good Things

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Please rise as you are able.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
ALL: Glory to you O Lord.
L: [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.
ALL: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: Rev. Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God
Green Book # 534

Prayers of Intercession

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths, especially among those communities represented here tonight, as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love (*We pray especially for those who are sick, injured or are otherwise suffering . . .*) God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity, especially the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
ALL: Amen.

Please rise as you are able. The grocery cart is brought to the front of the sanctuary as we sing…

Offering Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth
Green Book # 561

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together. Eternal God,
ALL: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

L: The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
ALL: Amen.

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Blue Book # 771

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All are welcome to join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship downstairs following this evening's service.

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