

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***“Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education.”***

Welcome! Family and friends, guests and visitors: Giver of all good things, I am thankful beyond words for your generosity and love. Help me share your love broadly. Amen.

Devotions & Publications are available in the narthex. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Communion: *The Lord’s Supper - The Unity of Faith

The ministry of Word and Sacrament at St. Paul’s is conducted in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. We celebrate with confidence that, here, we receive from our Lord all that He promises when He gives His body and blood to eat and drink.

With such a celebration goes the pastoral concern that all worshipers examine themselves lest they contradict Christ by sinning against Him and His people. In the Sacrament we are most fully one with Christ and with one another, and in this meal we are nourished to live in faithfulness to Christ and His Word and in forgiveness and in love toward one another.

Because communion at the table of our Lord is such a confession of faith, worshipers who are in doubt or who hold to a differing confession of faith and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, should first speak to a pastor or lay minister before communing.

NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, the two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. Please list the name of each person in worship. (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a “Member” side as well as a “Guest” side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church has a few nooks and crannies, so don’t be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest book.

FIRST NATIONAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and

Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me “to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness”:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplication to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the City of New York, the 3rd day of October, AD 1789 - George Washington.

“God’s Grace At Work!”

November 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
November 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER . . . Today, the United States gives thanks for all they have. Perhaps you will be sitting down to a Thanksgiving feast! It is easy to be thankful when you receive such abundant wonders. Yet, will you be giving thanks for that same turkey a week from now after seven straight days of leftovers? How quickly we can turn from thankfulness to complaining about those exact same blessings! Do we take these blessings for granted? Do we expect those blessings, and when we do not get them, do we complain? This Thanksgiving, we want to remember that while we thank God today, we want to thank Him every day for every blessing, not taking a single one for granted.

Ringings of the Bells,

(Wed.) Special Music: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Marilyn Bottorff and Nadine Engel, Piano Duet

(Thur.) Special Music: “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”*Ruth Fabbro, Violin*

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Before worship prayer
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love towards us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

We’re So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

LSB, hymn #892

(Please rise and face the Processional Cross as it leads the procession.)

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

INVOCATION AND OPENING

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of gods,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

PSALM 104:24-35

A Psalm For Giving Thanks

P: How many are your works, O LORD!

C: In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

P: There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number
- living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and the
leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

C: These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

P: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

C: when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

P: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.

**C: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of
the earth.**

P: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works
- he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and
they smoke.

**C: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as
I live.**

P: May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. But may
sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear friends in Christ, In Luther's explanation to the First Article, He writes:
*"God defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any
merit or worthiness in me."*

C: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

P: Because of our sin, O Lord, we have not done our duty. We have not thanked
You as You deserve. We have not praised You as You deserve. We have not
served You as You deserve. We have not obeyed You as You deserve.

**C: Almighty God, We have taken Your gifts for granted. All too often we
have forgotten the One who gave those gifts. We have sinned. We ask
You, in the name of Jesus Christ, to be merciful to us, sinners. Amen.**

P: Children of God, rejoice this day! Jesus has redeemed us, lost and
condemned people. He has purchased and won us from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy,
precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. Therefore as a
called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name
of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be at peace; your guilt
has been removed from you as far as the east is from the west!

C: This is most certainly true! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast (Sung)

Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray, . . . Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C: **Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days;**

P: Heavenly Father, You are the author of all creation. We give thanks that in Your great love and mercy You have entrusted to us so many resources.

C: **Help us to see these gifts as signs of the richness of Your grace. May we then offer the best to You, share generously with those in need, and enjoy the remainder with thankful joy and according to Your gracious guidance;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Thankfulness: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB, hymn #789

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

GOD'S WORD

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (*Remember The Goodness Of The Lord*)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land - a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-20

(In everything, Give Thanks!)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the

peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

(One Leper Show Gratitude)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him - and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other

nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

LSB, hymn #790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Sermon: "Responding to God's Goodness-Think, Thank, Talk" *Philippians 4:6-20*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF GOD THE FATHER

P: Let us confess our faith and how our Good and Gracious God provides for us:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S THANKFUL PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for all Christians and for all the people of our nation in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits. . . . Father in heaven, every good and perfect gift comes from You. You provide all we need for our lives. You protect our bodies from all harm. You give us families and friends to cheer and encourage us.

C: We thank You for Your many blessings!

P: Lord Jesus, You give us Your forgiveness. You free us from sin, death, and the devil.

C: We thank You for Your many blessings!

P: Blessed Holy Spirit, You called us to faith and adopted us as Your own children.

C: We thank You for Your many blessings!

P: Father, as You have promised, preserve us.

C: This world is dangerous. Hear us, Father!

P: Jesus, as You have promised, continue to forgive us.

C: We fall into sin so often! Hear us, Jesus!

P: Holy Spirit, as You have promised, preserve us in our faith.

C: Without you, we quickly fall away! Hear us, Holy Spirit!

P: Father, bless those You have given to us to preserve us. Bless those who protect us day and night, such as doctors, firefighters, police officers, and those serving our country in the military.

C: Bless Your people, O Lord!

P: Jesus, bless those You have given to teach about You. Open the mouths of Your pastors to praise You and point all Your people to You.

C: Bless Your people, O Lord!

P: O Holy Spirit, bless those whom You use to tell others about You! Open the mouths of Your people to share what Jesus has done for all.

C: Bless Your people, O Lord!

P: Remember the sick, the suffering, the persecuted, and the dying, especially those whom we name before You, in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Send them help and strength in Your merciful goodness.

C: Bless Your people, O Lord!

P: Triune God, hear us in our private prayers as we lift up thankful voices to You.

(Silence for prayer)

P: Triune God, we lift our voices to You in thankful praise. Take all that we have and use it to Your glory!

C: Bless Your people, O Lord! Amen!

(Please Be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards

LSB, Hymn # 955

C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

+ SACRAMENT +

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

- P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *Psalms 136*
C: **It is certainly good and right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS - "Holy, Holy, Holy *LSB, hymn #507, st 4*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- P: Let us pray, . . . O God, though the wages of sin are death, Your gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. You promise forgiveness to all who call on Him. We thank You for this promised gift You have prepared for us. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. . . . Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*
C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB893 - Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

LSB894 - For the Fruits of His Creation

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

LSB643 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LSB, hymn #805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: Let us pray, . . . We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins, won for us by our Savior Jesus.
- C: Strengthened by this Sacrament, we are sent out to forgive and gladly to do good to those who sin against us.**
- P: And we pray that Your Holy Spirit will so guide us that we give thanks to You each day in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: AMEN**

BLESSING

- P: 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.
- C: Amen! Thanks Be To God! Amen!** *Numbers 6:24-26*

Closing Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" LSB, hymn #895
(Please rise and face the Processional Cross as it leads the procession.)

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
 Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
 With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

See You In Worship Next Week!

(Wed.) Special Music: "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"
Dave Bottorff, Trombone

Postlude

After worship prayer - Lord God, heavenly Father, from Your hand we receive all good gifts and by Your grace we are guarded from all evil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that, acknowledging with our whole heart Your boundless goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise You for Your loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Altar Flowers this weekend are given in honor of and in thankfulness for our veterans and those still serving our country in the military, by Jim & Jenny Mossman; also in loving memory of John & Frances Schierholz, on their wedding anniversary, November 25th, by their children, Ann & Dave Harms, Trisha & Larry Campbell, Mark & Carol Schierholz, Jill & Lynn Graveline and Kathy & Tom Marcotte.

Serving In God's House Today

Preacher & Liturgist: Pastor Koeppen

Organist: Nadine Engel

Lay Ministers: 7:00 pm: Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz
 10:00 am: Rich Engel, Greg Deck

Acolytes: 7:00 pm: Meadow and Rush Hofbauer
 Cross Bearer: Seth McHugh

10:00 am: Emma Bourassa, Hailey Porter
 Cross Bearer: Lex Bourassa

Usher Teams: 7:00 pm: Bill Balgeman, Jim Sharper, Judy Browning, Jeff Johnson
 10:00 am: Fred Langelett, Steve Weith

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ASKING A BLESSING AND RETURNING THANKS

The following prayers are contained in Luther’s Small Catechism as ways to ask for a pre-meal blessing and return thanks following the meal. Consider incorporating these as part of your Thanksgiving celebration.

Asking a Blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)

Then shall be said the Lord’s Prayer and the following:

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

Then shall be said the Lord’s Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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_____ at 9:00 am on Monday, December 27th, in Fellowship Hall at the church (downtown).

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