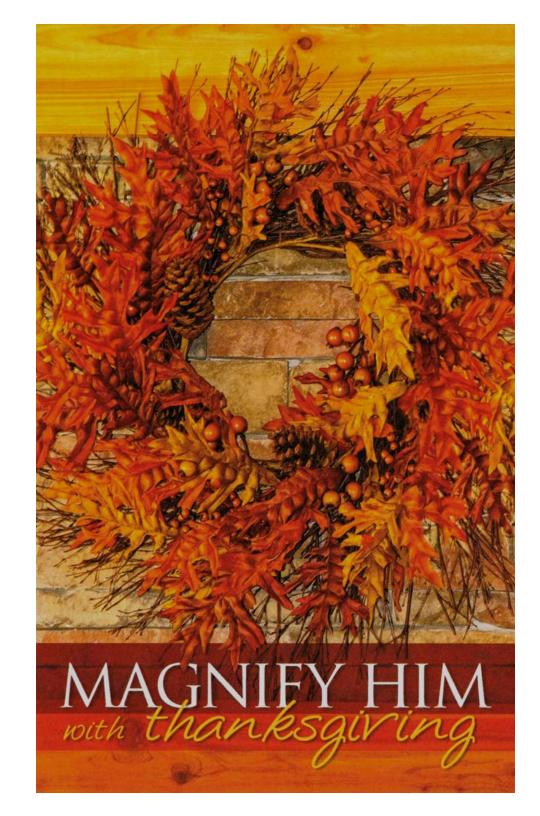


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"Give Thanks to the Lord — His Undeserved Love is Ours!"

November 25, 2021 Festival of Thanksgiving

Sunday Worship 9:30 am Christian Education: 11:00 am

James N. Proeber, Pastor Wisconsin Synod

Welcome to Our Redeemer!

As we gather around God's Word, we have the opportunity to remember all the blessings our Lord daily and richly provides. We also have the opportunity to return our thanks for these great gifts of his undeserved love and mercy. Truly, the Psalmist best describes the feeling and attitude of our hearts: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever."

About our Worship

The Order of Worship is printed in this service folder. Responses—both sung and spoken—are noted. The service focuses on the proclamation of God's Word which is contained in the lesson for the day from Psalm 46. David's words remind us to respond to the Lord's divine and generous gifts with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

May our good and gracious God bless us through his Word, lead us to pray to him with confidence, praise him for his love, and give him thanks for all he has done.

For Parents with Small Children

There are children's bulletin available in the basket with the service folders. Please pick one up as you enter. There are also restrooms in the fellowship hall—turn left and go through the double doors.

As a Christian and Scripture-centered congregation, we invite you to believe and confess with us . . .

- † That there is one God, and he has revealed himself as the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- † That God has made himself known to us and all people through the Bible—his true, inspired and error-free Word;
- † That all people, because of the disobedience of the first man and woman, are conceived and born in sin, and that because of sin, all people deserve eternal death;
- † That God sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin, to live, die and rise again to take away the eternal punishment of sin;
- † That God's undeserved love through Jesus is given to us through faith worked by the Holy Spirit and the Means of Grace—the Gospel in God's Word and the Sacraments;
- † That faith, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, is the living force within us which produces good works that are pleasing to God;
- † That on the Last Day, Jesus Christ will come again in all his glory to take us and all believers to live with himself in heaven for all eternity.

If you would like more information, please check the items listed below, and either hand it to an usher, or to the Pastor.

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Scripture Lesson

Psalm 46

The Lord of Armies is with us.

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"Rejoice that the LORD is Our God"

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The Order of Worship

Pre-service Music Welcome

Our Reason for Giving Thanks

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you;

C: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell" Christian Worship 233

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, at our heavenly Father's invitation, and for the sake of our Savior

Jesus Christ who gave up his life for our rescue, let us come before God's throne of mercy and grace to join in confessing our sins.

- P: O Lord, because of our willing disobedience;
- C: Have mercy on us!
- P: O Christ, because of our neglect of your holy Word and will for our life:
- C: Have mercy on us!
- P: O Lord, because of our lack of true Christ-like love;
- C: Have mercy on us!
- P: Do not condemn us as our sins deserve;
- C: Deal with us according to your compassion.
- P: Humble us with the message of our sinfulness;
- C: Show us our helplessness to save ourselves.
- P: Lead us to seek your help and healing;
- C: Guide us to the cross of Christ.
- P: Wash us and make us whiter than snow;
- C: Purify us from our guilt.
- P: Bring us safely back to your family of believers;
- C: Comfort us with the message of your peace.
- P: Remove from us all impure thoughts, all unloving words, and all selfish actions;
- C: Guard us from sin and temptation.

The Peace of Forgiveness

- P: O Christ, you are the Lamb of God;
- C: You have taken away the sin of the world.
- P: O Christ, you are the Lamb of God;
- C: You have had mercy on us;
- P: O Christ, you are the Lamb of God;
- C: You have given us peace.

Handbells

"Now Thank We All Our God" Arranged Jason W. Krug Publisher Choristers Guild

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 46:8-11

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He burns the carts with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations.
I will be exalted on the earth."

"See What the Exalted One Does"

Lessons from Psalm 46

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 46 1-3

God is our refuge and strength
a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.
That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves
and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea.
Its waters roar and foam.
The mountains quake when it rises.

"A Place Where we can be Safe"

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 46:4-7

There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God, to the holy dwelling of the Most high.

God is in her. She will not fall.

God will help her at daybreak.

Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall.

God raises his voice. The earth melts.

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Give Thanks to the Lord Our God

Devotions based on Psalm 46

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"A Place Where we can be Safe"

Response by Congregation

"Praise to the Lord" Christian Worship 234 st. 1-3

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 see 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.

He is Our Strength

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Response by Congregation

"Let All Things Now Living" *Christian Worship 260 st. 1-2*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.

With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

He is Our Help in Trouble

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 46:8-11

Come, look at the works of the LORD.

What's Happening . . .

In the coming months we will have a number of special opportunities through which we can invite others to come to know their Savior Jesus Christ and what he has done for them. Make sure you take the opportunity to "share the good news!"

- Sunday, November 28th begins our preparation for the celebration of our Savior's birth. This year we will turn our attention to the Old Testament Prophets and their prophecies. Each provided a beautiful and needed piece of the picture regarding Jesus' birth. Our Advent services will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.
- Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24th, and Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25th, will be 7:00 pm and 9:30 am respectively. While there are many traditions which can be a part of Christmas, make the worship of our new-born Savior your first priority.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Closing Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Christian Worship 234 st. 4 & 5*

Silent Prayer Announcements

Today—Welcome to our Thanksgiving Worship! May the blessing of our God and Savior along with his never-failing love be with you always, and lead you to give thanks to the Lord for everything. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book, or a visitor card in the holder on the bench in front of you. Also, come and visit again, soon!

Friday - Office hours: 10:30 am—2:30 pm Saturday—Church Cleaning: Degner

• Lawn beginning November 28th—Pettus

Sunday, November 28th—Sunday Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. This Sunday marks the beginning of our Advent Season of preparation. We will turn our attention to the words of the Lord's prophets which were always faithfully spoken and faithfully kept. This week we hear the promise of a Royal Branch.

Christian Education will follow the worship service and will
focus on the Epistle lesson where we learn to pray for
increased and overflowing love as we wait for the coming of
our Savior.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our pianist and musician; to the members of the Handbell Choir; to Jim Everson and Josh Scheuler for controlling the audio and video of the live stream; and to Sue Proeber for providing the display for the altar—to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of his blessings.

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"See What the Exalted One Does"

Hymn by Congregation

"We Praise, You, O God" Christian Worship 609 st. 1-3

We praise you, O God, our Redeemed, Creator! In grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you. Through trial and tempest our guide you have been; When perils o'er-take us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer; To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us. To you, our great Redeemer, for-e'er be praise!

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"Rejoice that the LORD is Our God"

Response by the Congregation "Now Thank We All our God" *Christian Worship 610 st. 1-3*

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 mother's arms has blessed 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.

P: Praise the LORD, our God! God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Closing Prayer

P: O gracious Lord, how can we ever find the words to thank you! Everything we need for body and soul comes from you. In love you have even provided the comforting assurance of your never-failing presence and all-encompassing power. Through all of these blessings answer our doubts and fears. Satisfy our needs and urgent requests. Most of all, give us the faith we need to depend on you for everything. Then, through that same faith, lead us to receive every blessing with joy and gratitude. O Lord, you are the reason our lives are filled with one blessing after another. Accept our thanks and praise—together with your Son and the Holy Spirit—now and throughout all eternity.



The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

Hymn

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Christian Worship 612

Psalm of Praise and Thanks Selected verses from Psalm 116

P: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

C: The LORD is gracious and righteous; Our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the simple-hearted; When I was in great need, he saved me.

P: Be at rest once more, O my soul, For the LORD has been good to you.

C: For you, O LORD, have delivered My soul from death, my eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling, That I may walk before the Lord.

P: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD; I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. I will sacrifice a thank offering to you 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.

Encouragement to Give Thanks

Philippians 4:4-9

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

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹ The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

Handbells

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Arranged by Bill Ingram

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The Confession of Faith

(the congregation will respond with the designated stanzas from Hymn 241; You may use the hymnal if you are not familiar with the melody)

P: O Lord God, merciful heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your loving care. Even though we deserve nothing from you, still you richly and daily provide us everything we need because of your great mercy and compassion.

Congregation sings:

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.
To him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow'r and praise
Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy.
Spread the story of our God,
The Lord of glory.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, our precious Redeemer and Savior, we thank and praise you for the ransom you paid for our release. In love and mercy you laid down your very life for us. Now, we are forgiven. Now, we can stand before you confident of eternal life in heaven.

Congregation sings:

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.

He bought the Church with his own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as his bride selected.

Holy, holy, is our union and communion,
His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.

P: O God the Holy Spirit, our promised Comforter, we thank and praise you for the gift of faith. Without your work we would be doomed to eternal punishment in hell. Instead we are certain God loves us, forgives us, and will bring us safely through this life to eternal life in heaven.

Congregation sings:

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration. The saving faith in us he wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us his chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, bliss supernal;
There is manna
And an endless glad hosanna.

P: O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we thank and praise you for all the things you have done in your mercy. Continue to keep us in your care. Guard us by your Word. Direct us and our lives by your gracious will. Finally, lead us to heaven where we can join with all the heavenly hosts to praise you for all eternity.

Congregation sings:

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto our Triune God we sing;
Blest be his name forever!

With angel hosts let us adore
And sing his praises more and more
For all his grace and favor!

Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy,
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

Thanksgiving

Prayers in Thanks to the Lord

Special Prayers and Requests