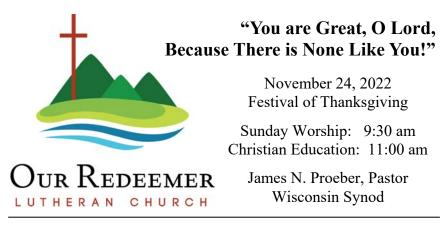


Therefore, you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.

2 Samuel 7:22



## Welcome in Christ Our Savior!

"O give thanks to the Lord!" These were the psalmist's words as he viewed everything the Lord had done for him. Today, they capture our thoughts and heartfelt prayers as we consider everything the Lord has done for us.

The Order of Worship will lead us to the Book of Psalms. Without hesitation the invitation is given, "O come, let us worship the Lord; let us praise the God of our salvation." On this day, and every day we can join in this song of thanksgiving to the Lord. We can worship the Lord because he is good in providing for our daily needs. We can also praise our God for the gift of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

## **Please Note**

There are children's activity folders in the basket by the back door, please pick one up if needed. The worship service is televised in the fellowship hall, where the rest rooms are also located. After you leave the church, turn left and go through the double doors.

## We Give Thanks as We Gather in the Presence of the Lord

## Welcome

**Invitation to Worship** 

*Psalm* 95:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us.
<sup>2</sup> Let us approach his presence with thanksgiving. With music we will shout to him.
<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God and the great King above all gods.
<sup>4</sup> He holds the unexplored places of the earth in his hand, and the peaks of the mountains belong to him.
<sup>5</sup> The sea belongs to him, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down. Let us revere him.
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker,<sup>7</sup> for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the flock in his hand.

## **Opening Hymn** "All People that On Earth Do Dwell" *Christian Worship 233*

### The Use of the Keys

P:

#### Confession and Absolution

P: As David recognized his guilt and came before the Lord to humbly confess his sin, so we join with David to confess that we have sinned against the Lord, and we humbly plead for his mercy.

C: <sup>1</sup>LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger. Do not discipline me in your wrath. <sup>2</sup>Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am fading away. Heal me, LORD, for my bones are trembling, <sup>3</sup>and my soul is terrified. But you, O LORD—how long? <sup>4</sup>Turn, O LORD, and deliver my soul. Save me because of your mercy. Psalm 6:1-4

P: The Lord assured David of his forgiveness through faith in the promised Savior. We too live with the assurance of our rescue through the deliverance secured because of the shed blood of the Savior God provided, Jesus Christ.

C: <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times. His praise will always

be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> In the LORD my soul will boast. The humble will hear and rejoice. <sup>3</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me. From all my terrors he delivered me. <sup>5</sup> His people look to him and are radiant, and their faces will never blush. <sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the LORD heard. From all his distress the LORD saved him. *Psalm 34:1-6* 

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



#### **Prayer for the Day**

P: O gracious God and Lord, we come at your invitation. We come with our burdens and sorrows. We come with our heartfelt supplications and needs. Because of your undeserved love and promise, hear and answer us.

C: <sup>1</sup>Turn your ear to my prayer, O God. Do not hide from my plea for mercy. <sup>2</sup>Pay attention to me and answer me. I am troubled in my thoughts and I groan. *Psalm 55:1-2* 

P: O precious Shepherd and Guardian, we come because we are confronted by our enemies. We come because we are terrified. We come because we are weak. Because of your great love do not abandon us.

C: <sup>4</sup> My heart is in anguish within me. The terrors of death fall on me. <sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling come over me. Horror covers me. *Psalm* 55:4-5

P: O loving Savior and Redeemer, we come because you are faithful. We come because you answer our impassioned pleas. We come because your goodness and mercy will never fail. Because of your dedication and devotion, keep us in your care.

C: <sup>16</sup>As for me, I call to God, and the LORD saves me. <sup>17</sup>Evening, morning, and noon I cry out and I sigh, and he hears my voice. <sup>18</sup>In peace he redeems my life from the assault against me, even when many are against me.

Psalm 55:16-18

P: I trust in you, O LORD, with all my heart. C: Amen.

## Handbells

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Arranged by Jason W. Krug Agape / Hope Publishing

The Lessons from God's Word "Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good!" <sup>32</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. Then I will guard it to the end.
<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I will guard your law. I will keep it with all my heart.
<sup>35</sup>Make me walk on the path of your commandments, for I take pleasure in it.
<sup>36</sup>Direct my heart toward your testimonies and not toward material gain.
<sup>37</sup>Keep my eyes from looking at worthless things. Give me life according to your ways.

#### **Old Testament**

2 Samuel 7:18–22

<sup>18</sup>Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said: Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this point? <sup>19</sup>Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken about the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the man, LORD God?

<sup>20</sup>What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. <sup>21</sup>Because of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great thing in order to make your servant aware of it. <sup>22</sup>Therefore, you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.

#### Congregation responds

"Now Thank We All Our God" Christian Worship 610 st. 1

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.

#### Epistle

#### Philippians 4:4–9

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

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, 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. <sup>9</sup>The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

#### Verse of the Day

#### Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

P: <sup>1</sup>My soul rests quietly in God alone. My salvation is from him. <sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be disturbed. <sup>5</sup>My soul, rest quietly in God alone, for my hope comes from him. <sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be disturbed. <sup>7</sup>My salvation and my honor depend on God, my strong rock. My refuge is in God. <sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, you people. Pour out your hearts before him. God is a refuge for us.

#### Congregation responds

"Now Thank We All Our God" Christian Worship 610 st. 2

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.

#### Gospel

#### Luke 7:36–50

<sup>36</sup>A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup>Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, <sup>38</sup>stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. <sup>39</sup>When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." He said, "Teacher, say it."

<sup>41</sup>"A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." <sup>44</sup>Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. <sup>47</sup>Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

<sup>49</sup>Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup>He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

P: I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against.

Congregation responds

"Now Thank We All Our God" Christian Worship 610 st. 2

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. The Confession of Faith Psalm 23 C: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You set a table for me in the presence of my foes. You drench my head with oil. My cup is overflowing. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn of the Day

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#### Sermon

2 Samuel 7:18-22

## "Who am I?"

That you should show mercy and kindness That your Word and Will has carried me Hymn by Congregation

"We Praise You, O God" Christian Worship 609

## Thanksgiving and Prayer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Special Prayers

The Lord's Prayer C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

## Handbells

"Simple Gifts" Joseph Brackett, Jr. Arranged by Bill Ingram Ring Out Press

## **Closing Psalm and Prayer** P: <sup>1</sup>Shout to the LORD with joy, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God.

C: He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

P: <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courtyards with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

# C: <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good. His mercy endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

P: O gracious Lord, how can we ever find the words to thank you. Everything we need for our bodily welfare you have provided—daily and richly. In mercy you have also provided everything we need for our spiritual welfare—daily and richly. Through these blessings you answer our doubts and fears. You satisfy our needs and longings. Of greatest importance, you give us the faith we need to trust you for everything. Through the gift of the Gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit lead us to receive every blessing with gratitude and joy. Then fill our hearts with songs of thanksgiving—all sung to you our gracious God— Father, Son and Spirit—who lives and rules as one, now and throughout endless ages.



#### Benediction

#### Psalm 67

- P: <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us. May his face shine on us—<sup>2</sup> so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup>May the peoples praise you, O God. May the peoples praise you—all of them. <sup>4</sup>May the countries be glad and sing for joy, because you rule the peoples with fairness, and you guide the countries of the earth. <sup>5</sup>May the peoples praise you, O God. May the peoples praise you—all of them.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth will yield its harvest. God, our God, will bless us. <sup>7</sup> God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.



**Closing Hymn** 

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Christian Worship 332

## Silent Prayer

#### Announcements

**Today -** *Welcome in our Savior's name!* May the undeserved love and goodness of our Savior, lead you to a life of thanksgiving and praise. If you are visiting us, thank you for being with us. Come back and worship with us again, soon! **Friday**—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm **Saturday**—Favuzzi

Mowing—Beginning November 27th—Pettus

Sunday, November 28th—In-person Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am. This marks the first Sunday in Advent. It is a time of promise and prophecy. We will turn our attention to the words of Isaiah who promised a "glorious light would dawn for those walking in the darkness of sin.

## Thank You

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November 27th -

A Light for those walking in the darkness of sin December 4th -

A Light for those living in the darkness of death December 11th -

A Light for those enduring the burden of sadness December 18th  $\ -$ 

A Light for those waiting for the Lord's promise

<u>The Birth of our Savior</u>. In celebration of our Savior's birth, we will hold two services. Our Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 pm. Our Christmas Day service will be Sunday, December 25th at 9:30 am. Make sure you include both services as part of your Christmas plans. There will be a time for fellowship after both services.

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