# Faith Lutheran Church and School November 25, 2020 Thanksgiving Eve Service

Welcome and Announcements
We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs 1-2) -- LSB #892

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.

#### the Call to Worship

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

C: And also with you.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Worship God with gladness and come into His presence with happy songs.

**P:** The Lord is our God. He made us, and we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

P: The Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

### **Lord's Prayer:**



# **Benediction**

<u>Closing Hymn:</u> Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs 3-4) -- LSB #892

For the Lord, our God, shall come and shall take His harvest home, from His field shall in that day all offences 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.

### **Prayer of Approach**

Gracious God, you who supply your people with every blessing in abundance, lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving this day. Help us, we pray, to thank you for the gifts we seldom notice, to praise you for the bounty we often take for granted, and to glorify your name for how you have watched over us through another year of seedtime and of harvest. For all that you have done, for all that you are, and for all that you will ever do, we lift up our voices in praise to you. Hear our prayer and our song and help us to live as ones with eternally grateful hearts – we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

**<u>First Reading</u>** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:22-34

P: This is the gospel of our Risen Lord.

C: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God -- LSB #895

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.

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**Prayer of the People**