Thanksgiving Eve/Day
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St. John's Lutheran Churches

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Thanksgiving Eve, 11/25

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Thanksgiving Day, 11/26

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Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 574 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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. Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.
C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Introit (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Psalm 104:33*

P: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
C: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
P: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
C: The earth is full of your creatures.
P: These all look to you,
C: To give them their food in due season.
P: When you give it to them, they gather it up;
C: When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
P: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
C: And you renew the face of the ground.

Hymn TLH 252 "We All Believe in One True God"

We All Believe in One True God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need, Praised by all the heavenly host,
By whose mighty power alone All is made and wrought and done.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds;
Who up-holds and comforts us In all trials, fears,and needs.
Blest and holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee! Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 8:1-10

1 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and
multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall
remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he
might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his
commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did
not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone,
but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you
and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son,
the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking
in his ways and by fearing him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of
water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and
fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land in which you will eat bread without
scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig
copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given
you.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Epistle Reading – Philippians 4:6-20

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is
lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think
about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things,
and the God of peace will be with you.
10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed
concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have
learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to
abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance
and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading – Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, 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 cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Sermon Hymn TLH 36 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Thro' 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. Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory Hymn TLH 644 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

△ **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. Amen.

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Christ, have mercy upon us.** P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

Collect of the Day and Collect for Grace

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

Closing Hymn TLH 457 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

A BLESSED AND SAFE THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!

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Hymn #457: Scripture: Matthew 21:28; What A Friend We Have In Jesus; Author: Joseph Scriven (1865); Tune: Friend; Composer: Charles Converse (1868).

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