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**11:00 AM - November 24, 2024, Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Traditional Worship Service**

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## Holy Communion Setting 4

### INTRODUCTION

*Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Priere a Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique*

**Leon Boellmann**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**ELW p. 94**

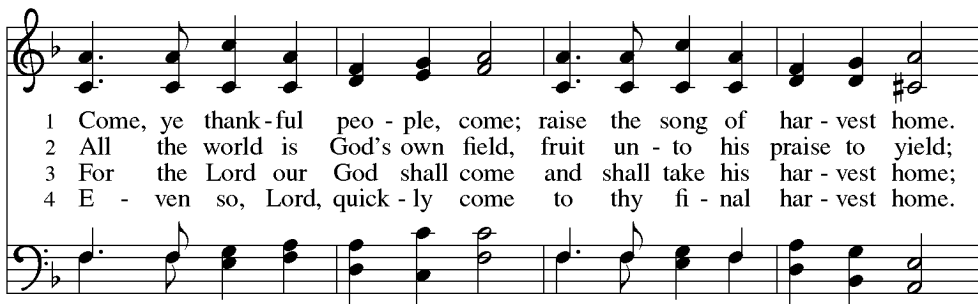
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**


Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

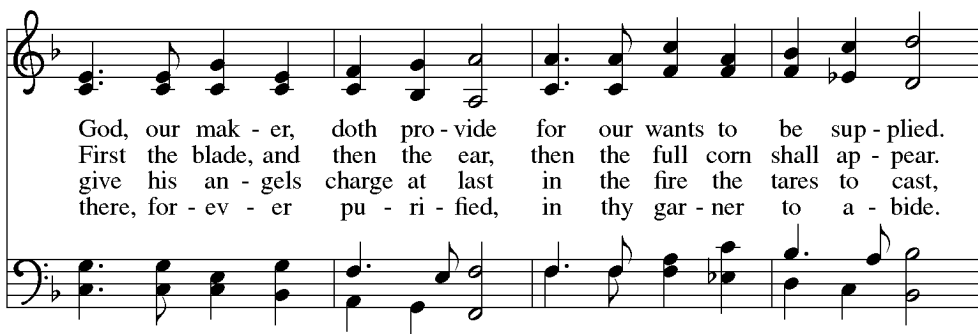
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



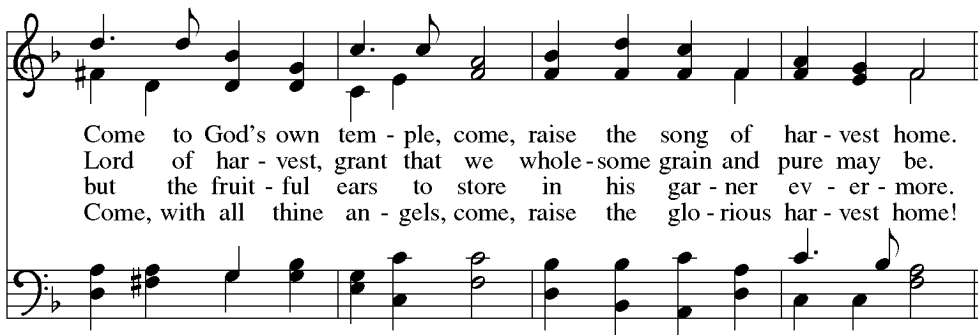
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

## GREETING

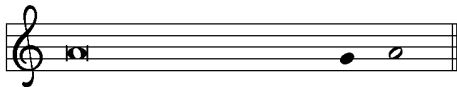
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

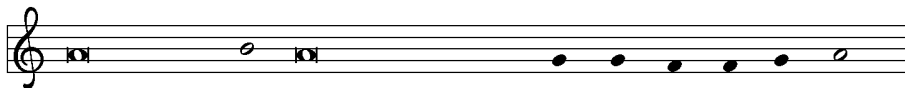


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord** have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A** - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

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*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

Joel 2:21-27

A reading from Joel.

*The prophet Joel understood that a locust plague that ravaged the land of Judah was God's judgment on the people, whom he then called to repentance. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a time when God will bless the land and cause it to produce food in abundance.*

- <sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the LORD has done great things!
- <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

- <sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.
- <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.
- <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- <sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

W K Davis



- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." **R**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb. **R**
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

*Christians are encouraged to offer prayers and thanks for all people, including rulers. We offer such inclusive, far-reaching prayers because God desires to save all people.*

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

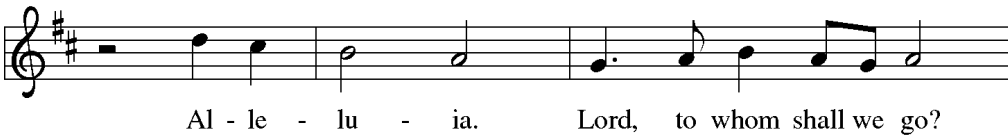
<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples about the providence of God so that they would regard life with thanksgiving and trust rather than anxiety.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we

eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’<sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.<sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Wade Roof**

**HYMN 681**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

**WIR PFLÜGEN**

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

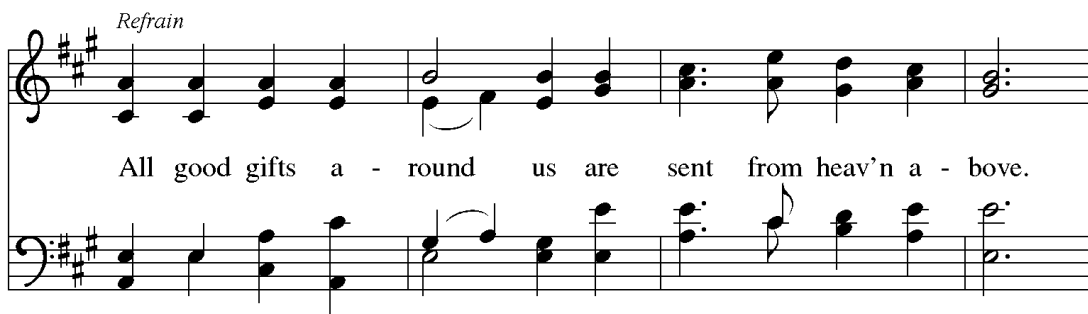
who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,





the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.  
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.  
Music: WIR PFLÜGEN. Johann A. P. Schulz. 1747–1800

## **CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Merciful God,  
Receive our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

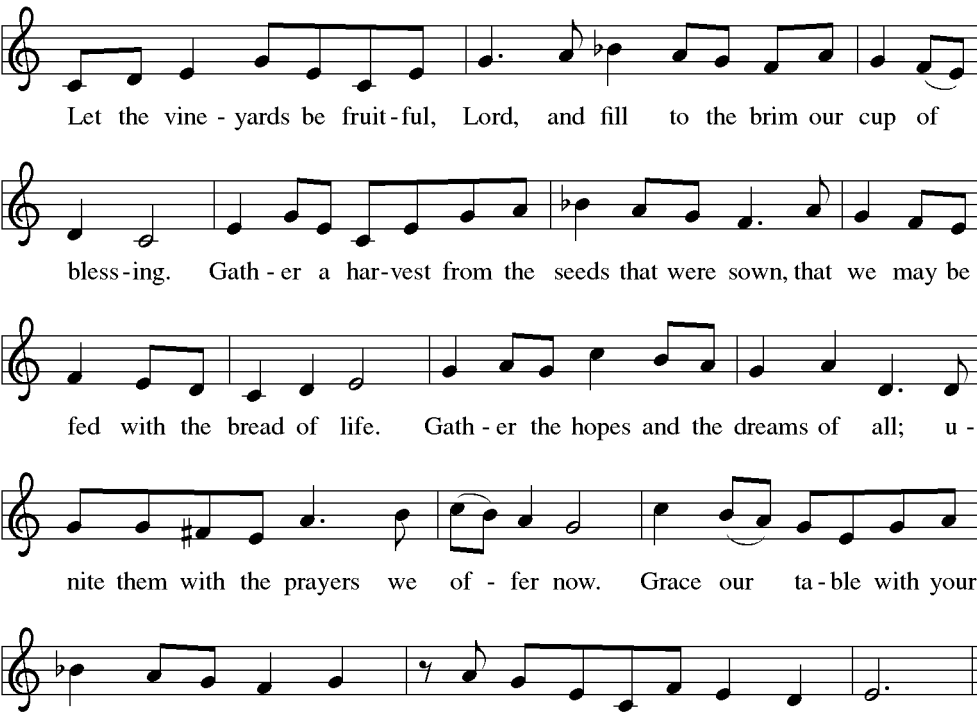
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**The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**Hal H. Hopson**

**OFFERTORY HYMN 182***Let the Vineyards be Fruitful***Richard W. Hillert**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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**OFFERING PRAYER****ELW p. 152**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
with mer - cy and love.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**ELW p. 153**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## HYMN ACS 967

*This is Christ's Body*

## **BROKEN AND BLESSED**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## HYMN ACS 967

*This is Christ's Body*

## **BROKEN AND BLESSED**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## AGNUS DEI

ELW p. 154





1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;  
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;  
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,  
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days,  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

## HYMN 840

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT**

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## DISMISSAL

ELW p. 155

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Chorale Improvisation on “Now Thank We All Our God”*

**Sigfrid  
Karg-Elert**

## ***Worship Assistants***

*Lector* ..... *Rachel Bundrick*  
*Communion assistants* ..... *Miley Rhodes, Sarah Whitehead*  
*Greeter* ..... *Lilli Sox*  
*Ushers* ..... *Paul Hutto, Jack Sox*  
..... *Jackson Sox, Derek Monts*



Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ronnie Hutto by Patsy Hutto. May these flowers serve as a reminder of the love and joy Ronnie brought into our lives.

Today's bulletin covers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ronnie Hutto by Patsy Hutto. On this anniversary of Ronnie's passing, we remember his light and how it brightened our world.



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# THANKSGIVING QUIZ

Fill-in the circle next to the answer which best fits the question.

**1. Before the 1st Thanksgiving, how did the settlers plan to give thanks for the harvest?**

- (A) Exchanging of gifts
- (B) Prayer and fasting
- (C) Mainly eat soups & stews around an evening bon-fire as a community
- (D) Nothing really, continue life as usual

**2. With whom did the pilgrims celebrate their first Thanksgiving in the New World?**

- (A) Sioux
- (B) Wampanoag
- (C) Choctaw
- (D) Seneca

**3. Which of the following was served at the first Thanksgiving?**

- (A) Pumpkin Pie
- (B) Potatoes
- (C) Cranberry Sauce
- (D) Shellfish
- (E) Forks
- (F) Turkey

**4. Where did the tradition of snapping the wishbone come from?**

- (A) From ancient Rome
- (B) From ancient Greece
- (C) From the ancient Etruscans
- (D) From medieval England

**5. Who called a federal Thanksgiving proclamation "the most ridiculous idea ever conceived?"**

- (A) George Washington
- (B) Thomas Jefferson
- (C) Ben Franklin
- (D) Abraham Lincoln

**6. Which founding father of the U.S. wanted the turkey to be our national symbol instead of the bald eagle?**

- (A) Thomas Jefferson
- (B) Abraham Lincoln
- (C) Benjamin Franklin
- (D) George Washington

**7. Which president declared Thanksgiving a national holiday?**

- (A) John F. Kennedy
- (B) George Washington
- (C) Abraham Lincoln
- (D) Thomas Jefferson

**8. Thanksgiving can occur as early as \_\_\_\_ and as late as November 28.**

- (A) November 21
- (B) November 22
- (C) November 23
- (D) November 24

**9. What is the reddish thing that hangs off a turkey's neck?**

- (A) spork
- (B) gribble
- (C) snood
- (D) wattle

**10. What do you call that thing that hangs off a turkey's beak?**

- (A) spork
- (B) gribble
- (C) snood
- (D) wattle



**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Barbara Popkowski, Georgia Popkowski, Caroline Osterhaus, Frazier Redmond, Jimmy Williams, DeeDee Fogle, Rachel Popkowski, Brittany Carpenter, Rhys Boyd, Lindsey Witcher, Randy Klapman.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Rachel Bundrick, Pam Burnett, Bruce Merchant, Betty Wise  
Larry Marchant, Victoria Marchant, Dennis Rybicki, Sr.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Ron Hutto, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis  
Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie  
Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs  
Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Jackson Bell, Pam Player, Nancy & Emily Waugh, Becky & Phil Frederick  
Laura Ann Merrill, Kim Coker, Grace Kelly, Chuck Backman, Michelle Roe  
Beth Murphy, Justin "Cody" Spires, Billy Holton, Barbara Kohr, Jenny Mack, Tommy Cambell  
Niko Bosley, Angela Livingston, Anne Moye, Isabelle Sundlie

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***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*