

† The Festival of the Harvest and Thanksgiving †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022 ~ 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022 ~ 9:00 AM



BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH – LC-MS

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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus.

AS WE GATHER:

As we gather for Thanksgiving worship, we lift our hearts in gratitude to the Lord for His provision and loving-kindness. We remember the first Thanksgiving and the Pilgrim's dependence on You to provide throughout the year. Let our worship be rich in joy and gratitude as we feast on Word and Sacrament.



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Open my eyes and my heart to a lifestyle of daily gratitude and joy. You gave all that you had in your Son Jesus, and together with Him we have been enriched in all ways. Amen.

PRE-SERVICE BELL ANTHEM: *"With Heart and Hands and Voices"*

arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

PRE-SERVICE CHOIR ANTHEM: *"In the Season of Our Plenty"* *by John Parker*

A WORD OF WELCOME

THANKSGIVING LITANY:

Pastor: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time; You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. For the gift of this day and the opportunity to give You praise:

ALL: Honor, Glory, thanks and praise to You, O Lord!

Men: For the love and warmth of family and friends, those gathered here and elsewhere;

Women: And for those gathered to their Eternal Home:

ALL: Honor, Glory, thanks and praise to You, O Lord!

Men: For the good gift of children and grandchildren to nurture in Your love and fear;

Women: For the blessing of hearth and home:

ALL: Honor, Glory, thanks and praise to You, O Lord!

Men: For meeting the many needs of body and soul and sustaining our lives,

Women: and for the joy of feasting and playing together:

ALL: Honor, Glory, thanks and praise to You, O Lord!

Men: For the sufferings You are pleased to send us to draw us close to you,

Women: And for restoration as you deliver us from evil:

Pastor: And for those things for which we are most thankful: the sweet comfort of Your Gospel, your daily presence, and the promise of our resurrection to eternal life:

ALL: Honor, Glory, thanks and praise to You, O Lord!

OPENING HYMN: For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894

(Please rise)

INVOCATION and HOLY GOSPEL:

Text: Mark 6:35–44

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.**
- P** By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

- P** In our Gospel lesson Mark tells us that Jesus fed 5000 men - not to mention all the women and children who were with them. What seems impossible to us is not impossible for our Savior. Lord forgive us for expecting less than you promise:
- G Lord Jesus, we are quick to underestimate you. We are just as quick to doubt and complain when we lose sight of how you provide for us. Forgive us for shallow faith. Forgive us for expecting little from you and our slowness to recognize your goodness. Restore our gratitude and thanksgiving as you heal and cleanse our hearts and minds. In Jesus name, AMEN.**
- P** Our Savior hears your words of confession and meets you with amazing grace. He comes to renew the gift of abundant life within you and restore the joy of your salvation. By the command of our Savior, and by His

authority, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

P Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

C **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

(Please rise for last stanza)

SECOND READING: Psalm 100:1–5

P Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;

C **Come before him with joyful songs.**

P Know that the Lord is God.

C **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C **Give thanks to him and praise his name.**

P For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

C **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

P Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

C **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN: We Praise You O God, Our Redeemer Creator

LSB 785

THIRD READING: Psalm 95:1–7

P O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,

C **Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.**

P Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

C **Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

P For the Lord is a great God

C **And a great King above all gods,**

P In whose hand are the depths of the earth,

C **The peaks of the mountains are His also.**

P The sea is His, for it was He who made it,

C **And His hands formed the dry land.**

- P** Come, let us worship and bow down,
- C** **Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- P** For He is our God,
- C** **And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**
- P** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
- C** **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

HYMN: Come Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892

FOURTH READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

- P** Rejoice always,
- C** **pray continually,**
- P** give thanks in all circumstances;
- C** **for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.**
- P** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
- C** **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

HYMN: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION: “Thanksgiving”

Text: Philippians 4:4-7

(Please rise)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Luther's Explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed)

- C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING ANTHEM:

(Our Offerings are brought forward as we listen to this anthem)

ANTHEM: "We Thank You, Lord" by David Angerman & Joseph M Martin

(Please rise)

OFFERING PRAYER:

P Let us pray:

Lord of seedtime and harvest, I thank You for the blessings You grant to the earth in each season. I rejoice in the wonderful richness of the land and in the astounding variety of food it produces to satisfy and delight me. Give me the willingness to share my blessings, so that all the earth will rejoice in Your generosity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

G Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P Another word for the Lord's Supper is the Eucharist, which means to give thanks. As we eat and drink, we receive, believe, proclaim our Lord's death, and give thanks for the abundance of His grace shown in His cross and empty tomb. Jesus Himself comes to feed His lambs. All who hunger and thirst for His righteousness will be filled.

G Receive our thanks and gratitude for your unchanging love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE:

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI:

The Lamb

LSB 547 sts. 1 & 4

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

Refrain
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His

own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

BELL ANTHEM: "Morning Has Broken"

arr. by Arnold B. Sherman

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Earth and All Stars

LSB 817 sts. 1–3, 6–7

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Sing To the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)



THANKSGIVING SONG: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

LSB 643 sts. 2

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

COMMUNION PRAYER:

P Dear Father, Thank You for Your power and work in our lives, Your great love and care, Your goodness and blessing over us. Thank You for life and laughter, health and happiness, relationships, and memories. Thank You for lessons learned and the tears we've cried as You've grown our faith. Thank You for what we have now, for what we had yesterday, and for what You will continue to provide for our tomorrows. Help us set our eyes and our hearts on You. Renew our spirits so that we are always grateful for

every good and perfect gift that comes from You. May we have hearts full of thanksgiving not only today but every day of our lives. In the name of Your greatest gift to us, our Savior and friend, Jesus Christ. Amen

BENEDICTION:

P Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.
(Ephesians 3:20–21)

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN: "America The Beautiful"

**O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream. that sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.**

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Preacher:	Rev. Gregg Stanton
Organist/ Music	Kim Woller
Director:	
Choirs:	Adult Choir Handbell Choir
Instrumentalists:	Aaron Wartick, Jack Welter & Laura Zimmer
Elders:	(7:00 PM) Bob Kunz & Matt Birr (9:00 AM) Rick Krause & Jeff Dreissen
Ushers:	(7:00 PM) Team 2 –Sutton Team (9:00 AM) Team 1 – Saeger Team
Acolytes:	(7:00 PM) (9:00 AM)
Altar Guild:	Lynn Wachholz & Maribeth Saeger

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new church year, beginning with the First Sunday in Advent. Advent means coming – a time for which we wait and prepare in eager anticipation for both the coming of the Christ child in the manger, as well as his final coming on the last day. Special Advent devotions are available to you to help guide our preparations for the Advent season. These are found in the Narthex.

You are cordially invited to gather with us at Blessed Savior around His Word and Sacrament for Divine Services celebrated every Thursday at 7:00 PM and Sundays at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM. In addition, please join us for these services during the upcoming Advent and Christmas season:

Advent Midweek Services: We continue the tradition of preparation through special midweek services, focusing on "Jesus Christ, the Son ...". A lunch will follow the morning service at 11:30 AM and a dinner will precede the evening service at 5:30 PM (free-will offering). Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. In-person service times are:

Wednesday, November 30 – 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 7 – 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 14 – 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Sunday School Christmas Program

We invite you to attend a special Sunday School Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 AM. Our children will present a Christmas message entitled "Mystery in the Manger" as part of the service that morning. Hear the story of Christmas and come to sing some of your favorite Christmas songs!

Christmas Worship Services

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, December 24 – 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25 – 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve Worship Service

Saturday, December 31 ~ 7:00 PM

First Sunday after Christmas (New Year's Day)

Sunday, January 1 ~ 10:00 AM

