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Day of Thanksgiving

November 25, 2026

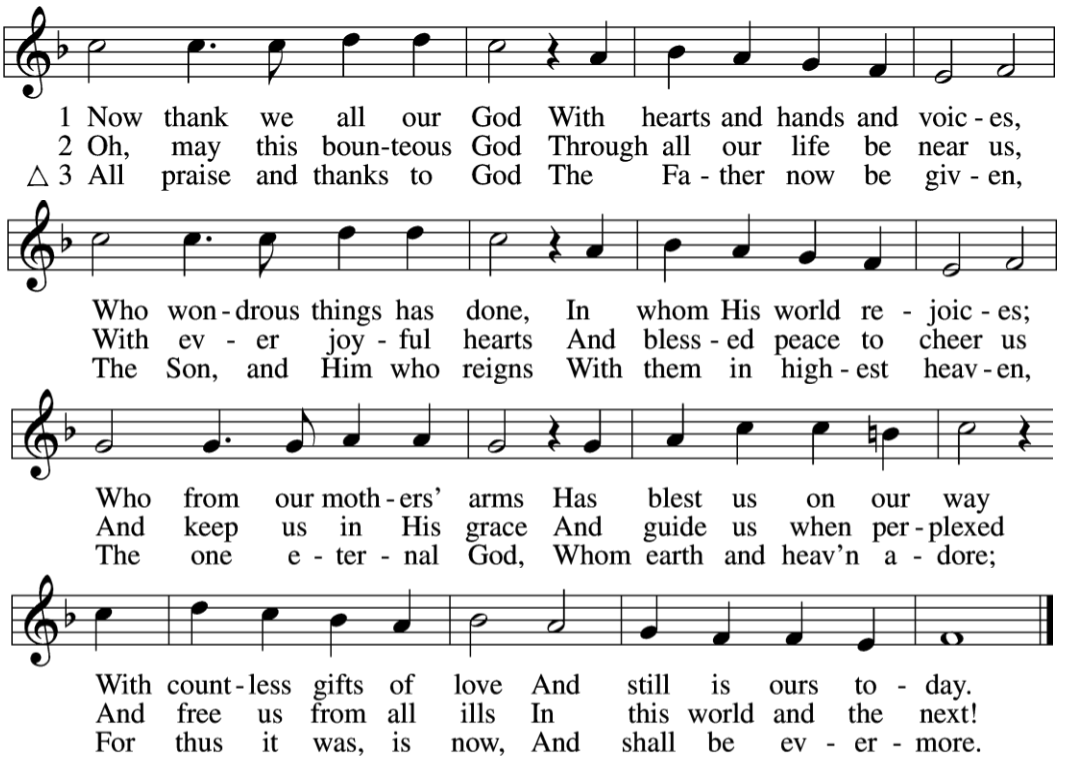
As We Gather

Happy Thanksgiving! You are in the right place. Like the leper who returned to Jesus to offer Him thanks, you are a guest of the God of all things, who in love provides for all your needs. As you reflect on the abundant blessings you have received from the Lord this year, do not forget the gift of faith. You know a Savior in Jesus Christ! You have hope and salvation! You are an heir of heaven! You have a treasure more valuable than the wealth of the whole world. Rejoice that the Master has had mercy on you and that your faith has made you well.

Chimes and Prelude

Please Stand

Opening Hymn **"Now Thank We All Our God"** **LSB 895 (sts 1-3)**



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Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
C **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

P Come into His presence with singing!
C **Know that the Lord, He is God!**

P It is He who made us, and we are His;
C **we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
C **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

P For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
C **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Confession and Absolution

P O Lord, we confess:
C **Your steadfast love endures forever. You are the source of all good things. Yet, for our thankless hearts, that is often not good enough. We do not recognize Your blessings or return Your generosity with gratitude. Our stubborn, sinful nature hoards for itself and refuses to share the overflow we have been given. Forgive us, O Lord, and stir us to thankfulness for Your gifts in this life, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, through whom we have gifts for the life to come. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Please be Seated

First Reading ***Deuteronomy 8:1-10***

8 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you
may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord
promised on oath to your ancestors. **2** Remember how the Lord your
God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble
and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not
you would keep his commands. **3** He humbled you, causing you to hunger and
then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known,
to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that
comes from the mouth of the Lord. **4** Your clothes did not wear out and your
feet did not swell during these forty years. **5** Know then in your heart that as a
man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.
6 Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him
and revering him. **7** For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a
land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and
hills; **8** a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil
and honey; **9** a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a
land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.
10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the
good land he has given you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ***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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

Holy Gospel ***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 This is the Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Catechism

P We affirm our faith in God the Father, our Creator and Caretaker.
C **He made us! We are His!**

P He gives us all good things to support our life.
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.**

P He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.
C **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.**

P All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.
C **For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

P We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the Father, our Savior and King!
C **He redeemed us! We are His!**

℗ He gives to us the most gracious gifts of all: the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting!

ℂ **I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

℗ We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate!

ℂ **He claimed us! We are His!**

℗ He blesses us through the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper!

ℂ **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

℗ O triune God, You alone are worthy of all thanks and praise at this time and forevermore!

ℂ **Amen!**

Please Be Seated

Sermon Hymn **"Count Your Blessings"**

Verse 1
When upon life's billows
you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged,
thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings,
name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what
the Lord hath done.

Chorus
Count your blessings, name
them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what
God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them
one by one;
Count your many blessings,
see what God hath done.

Verse 2
Are you ever burdened with a
load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you
are called to bear?
Count your many blessings,

ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

Chorus

Verse 3
When your look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you his wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

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Sermon **"A Psalm of Praise, Prayer, and Thanksgiving"** **(Psalm 147)**

I. Why does the Bible seem to constantly r _ _ _ _ _ us to be thankful?
II. What would cause us to take so much for g _ _ _ _ _ _?
III. God's people need to be filled with thanks because of the k _ _ _ of God we serve!
IV. So, you would think God's people would always be thankful people...that praise would just o _ _ _ out of them?
V. Reading this Psalm we realize that our God is a t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ God!
VI. Every time, you and I brag on Jesus; every time, you and I praise His name, Jesus leans over to an angel and He points to us...and He gives t _ _ _ _ _.

Responsive Hymn **"Count Your Blessings"**

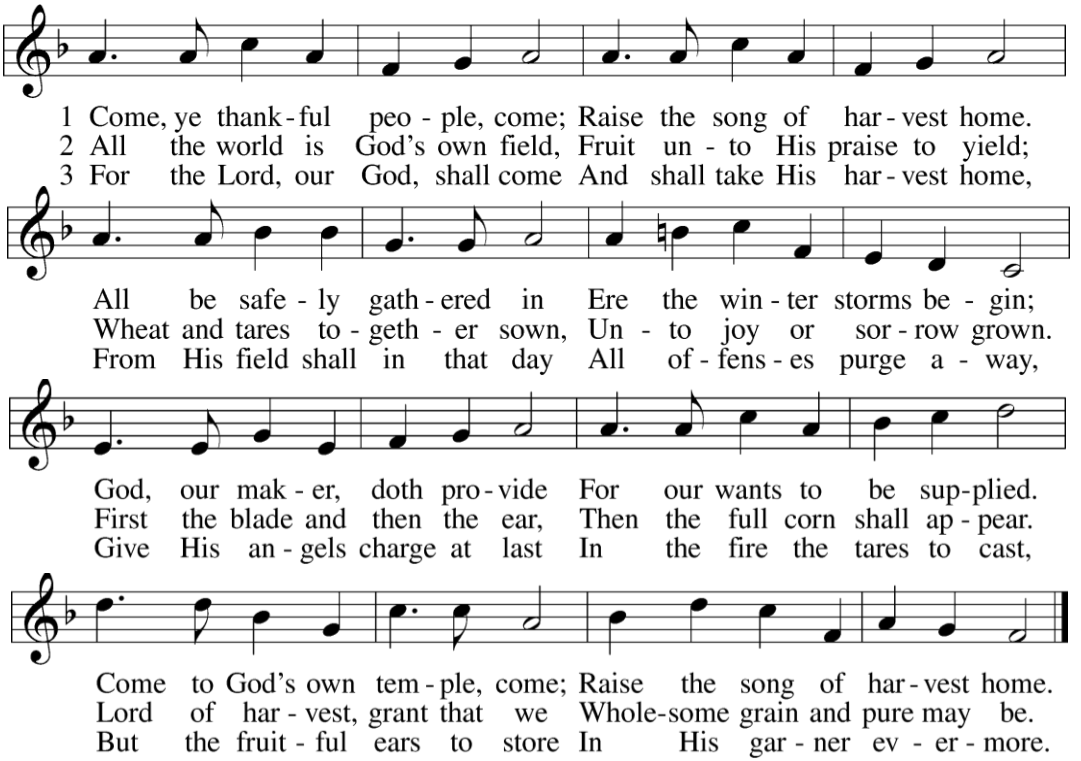
Verse 4
So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Chorus
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Processional Offering

Instructions: Travel down the center aisle. (a) The offering plate located on front pew (pulpit side) is for financial donations to the Food Pantry; (b) The regular offering box (also pulpit side) is for St. John's general financial giving; (c) Physical food and pantry donations may be deposited along the communion rail (both sides). Return via side aisle.

Processional Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" LSB 892 (sts 1-3)



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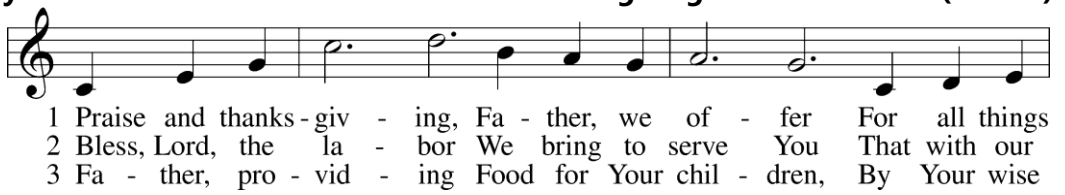

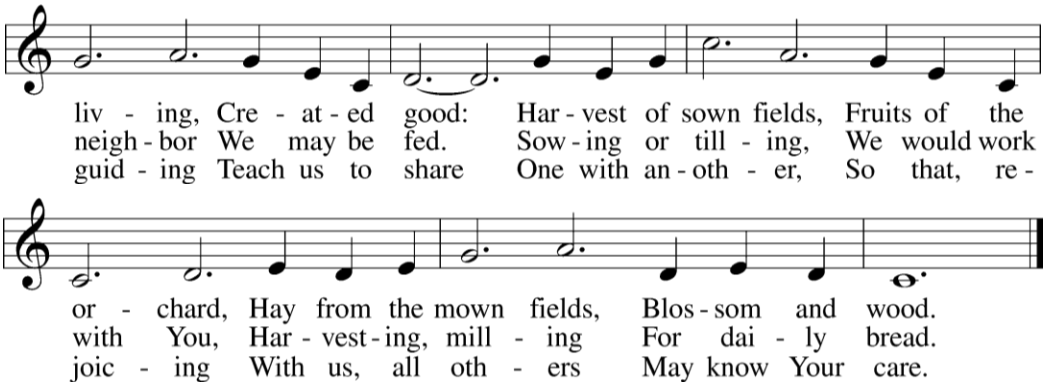

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Prayer of the Church

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

C **O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise.**

P For our homes and families, that they might be shelters from danger and havens of Your peace, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For our nation's economy, that all people might be able to apply themselves to honest work, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For schools and universities, that students might be safe and have guidance to grow into honorable citizens, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For clinics, hospitals, and research laboratories, that healthful medicines and therapies could be delivered with compassion and integrity, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all who govern our land, that they would lead as servants and bring dignity to their office, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all who rely on charity, that their needs would be met and their feet would be put on paths toward positive outcomes, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For productive agriculture, that Your care for humanity might shine through those who feed others, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those who defend our country and those who respond in emergencies, that They would be esteemed rightly and find satisfaction in how they serve, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For Your holy church, that believers might stand firm in the truth and stand up for the hurting and helpless, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the earth and the gifts of clean air and water, that You would continue to sustain life through this world's beauty and abundance, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the many gifts we neglect to thank You for that we now recognize as we Pause in silent prayer…

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For these and all other things You know we need, we offer our gratitude. Increase our faith that we might always look to You for our blessings and return to You the thanks You are due; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

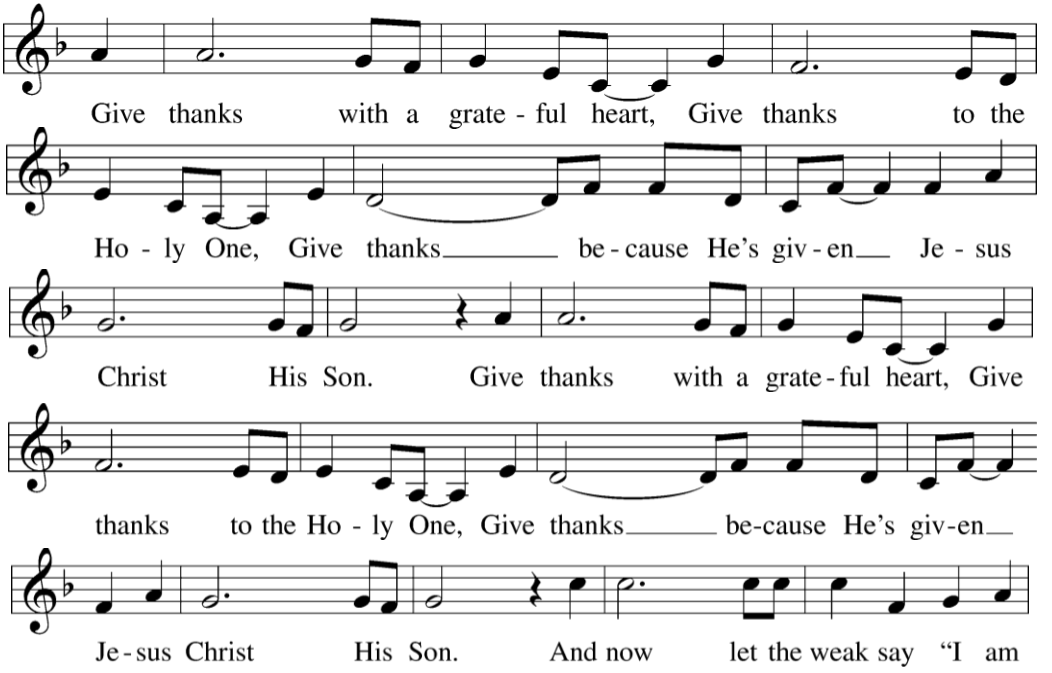
C **Amen.**

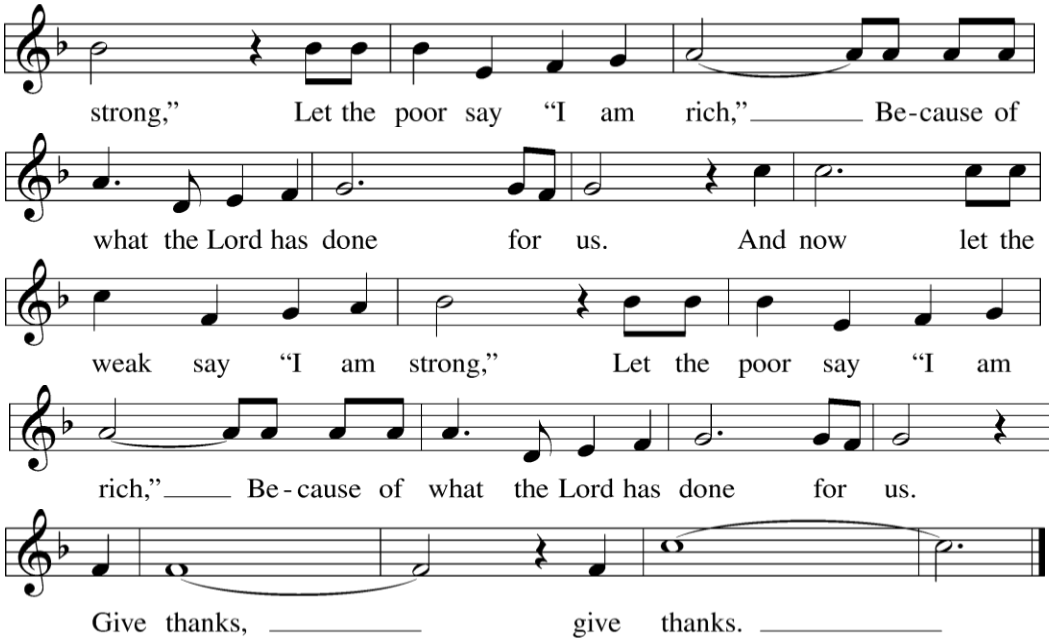
Lord's Prayer ***LSB 179***

℗ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ℂ **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.

Closing Hymn **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"** **LSB 806**





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Closing Sentences

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C **and forget not all His benefits,**

P who forgives all your iniquity,
C **who heals all your diseases,**

P who redeems your life from the pit,
C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

P who satisfies you with good! Let us bless the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen**

Silent Prayer: Gracious Father, You create and supply all our needs of body and soul. Thank You for family and friends who will sit around our table and those far away. We come to You with our heart full of thanks for the gifts You give daily. We thank You for the greatest gift of all, our Savior, Jesus, who purchased for us the gift of eternal life. Help us count our blessings and give thanks every day. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

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SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEK –November 28/29

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Donny Fox	Jon Werkheiser	Brett Richardson
GREETERS	Roger Schamberger	Tom/ Carol Mau	Steve/ Kathie Levan
USHERS	Ken Lutz	Nick Leiendecker	Derek Tessendorf
ACOLYTES	Usher	Everly Keeffer	Kenzie Hahne
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Denny Potter/ Kory Gerbick	Korbin Winter/ Michelle Rothschadl
ALTAR GUILD	Marquita Bannon/ Kathy Heinkel	Marquita Bannon/ Kathy Heinkel	Marquita Bannon/ Kathy Heinkel

SERVING THE LORD NEXT WEEK –December 5/6

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Donny Fox/ Don Bamberg	Kory Gerbick/ Craig Kroeger/ Mark Mau	Rob Cobine/ Kevin Keltner/ Brett Richardson
GREETERS	Don/ Angelia Bamberg	Josh/ Rhonda Wade	Dan/ Lisa Park
USHERS	Larry Maaske	Eric Bader	Brandon Falk
ACOLYTES	Usher	Evelyn Tessendorf/ Blaine Drake	Kenzie Hahne/ Layne Richardson
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Gary Erickson/ Jeff Jones	Ron Conway/ Steve Levan
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