St. Paul's Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Eve November 26, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

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

Faithful God,

C you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, $\frac{1}{2}$ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C Amen.

GREETING

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

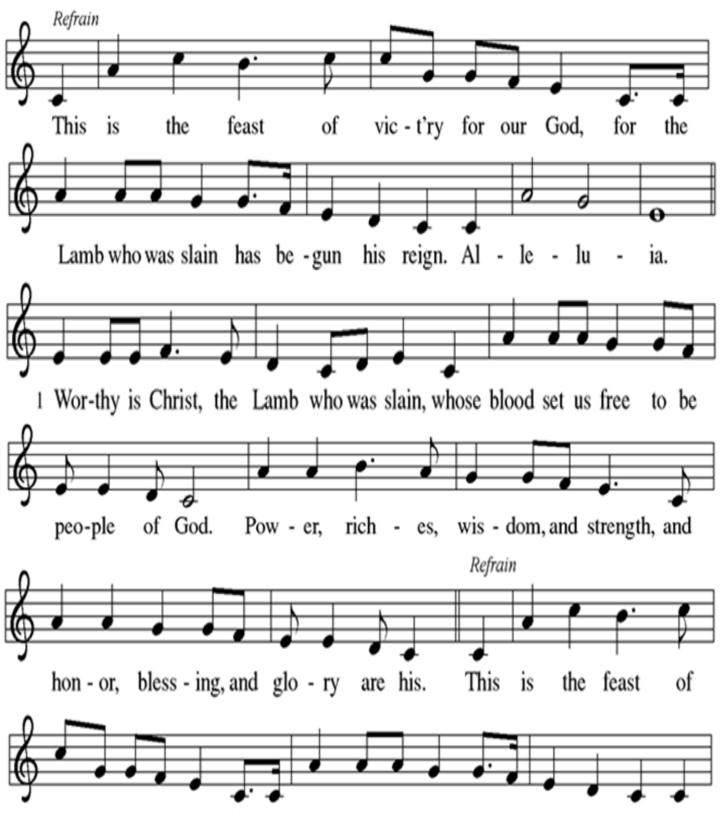
C And also with you.

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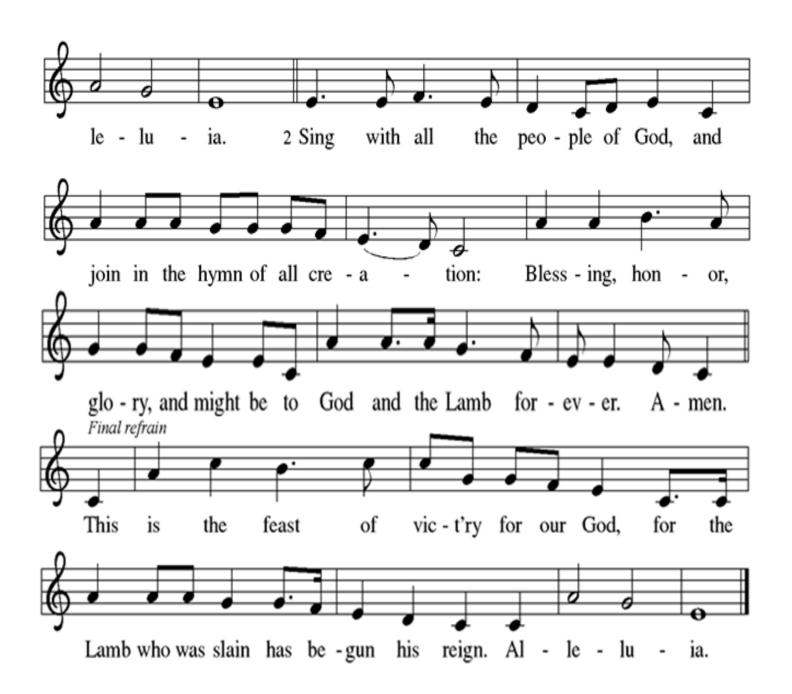




HYMN OF PRAISE



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ "When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and

wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 100

(Refrain: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

C ³ Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (*Refrain*)

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

C ⁵ Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age. (*Refrain*)

(Refrain: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 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 and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of

peace will be with you. ⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, 14while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10 measures organ intro)



GOSPEL: John 6:25-35

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do

not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Timothy Kraemer

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 407 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God who is known in grain and vine, the baptismal waters, and in your word, renew the church's bishops, pastors, deacons, church staff, and all leaders of faith communities, that they live into the fruitful nurturing of disciples. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of creation, we give you thanks for sheltering trees, shifting sands, and stabilizing hills. Remind us, as we also learn from our Indigenous siblings, that your care and intention are behind the shaping of all life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of the widow and the orphan, we give thanks for all who serve and protect your most beloved. Let us accompany elected officials and civic leaders as faithful advocates for peace and safety. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of tender assurance, we give thanks for your continued presence in times of need. Accompany those who are displaced from native lands, victims of injustice, or in need of your sustenance. Comfort those unable to rejoice because of worry or illness. (We pray especially for Joe Alles, Zach Andry, Robin Bauer, Ron Bauer, Karen Bettag, Clint Breitweiser, Nancy Collins, Angie Danzer, Shaina G., Juanita Hembree, Brenda, Belinda Heath, Bob Hemphill, Arla Hillebrand, Lana Hoffman, Ann Hopf, Mary Ann Jerger, Katrina, Carol Keller, Tammy Kieffner, Karen Kolb, Deborah Lagenour, Zach Leinenbach, Bob Lottes, Zander Mann, Logan Musgrave, Pat Opel, Tammy Peek, Remington Rainey, Adam Ramsey, Steve Rothgerber, Meagan S., Melody Saylor, Annette Schepers, Glen Schmitt, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Makenzie VanHoy, Marty Weishoff, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (We pray especially for George Allen, Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Colin Hoffman, Zach Schoen, Cooper Uebelhor, and Sarah Wetzel.) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, we give thanks for the gifts and talents shared in this community of faith. In our diverse experiences of your presence, bless each ministry, gathering, and shared space of prayer and fellowship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God who feeds us the bread of eternal life, we give thanks for the lives of the saints and our shared memories with those who have died. With full confidence in the resurrection, we honor their faith with our own. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



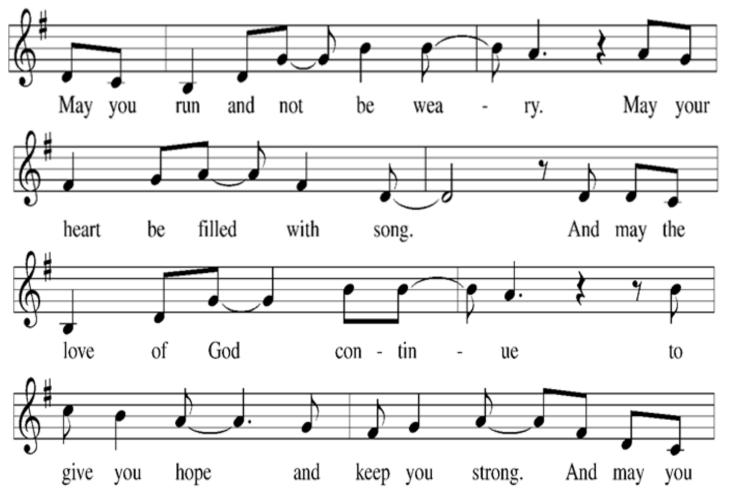
COMMUNION HYMNS

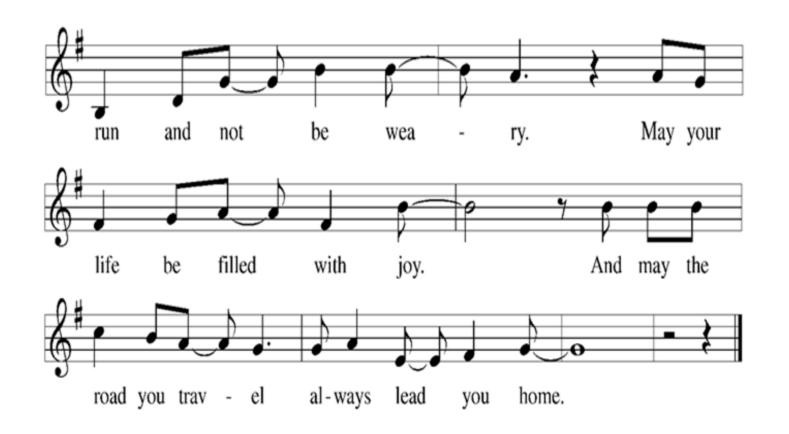
LBW 362 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
LBW 245 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
LBW 409 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 534 "Now Thank We All Our God"

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Mary Bauer

Comm. Asst: Mike Weisheit

Audio: Bryan Buchta

Video: Jeff Schmitt

Organist: Barbara Dell

Lay Reader: Erin Kalb

Acolytes: Chloee Beck

Altar Guild: Mary Bauer & Mary Sendelweck

