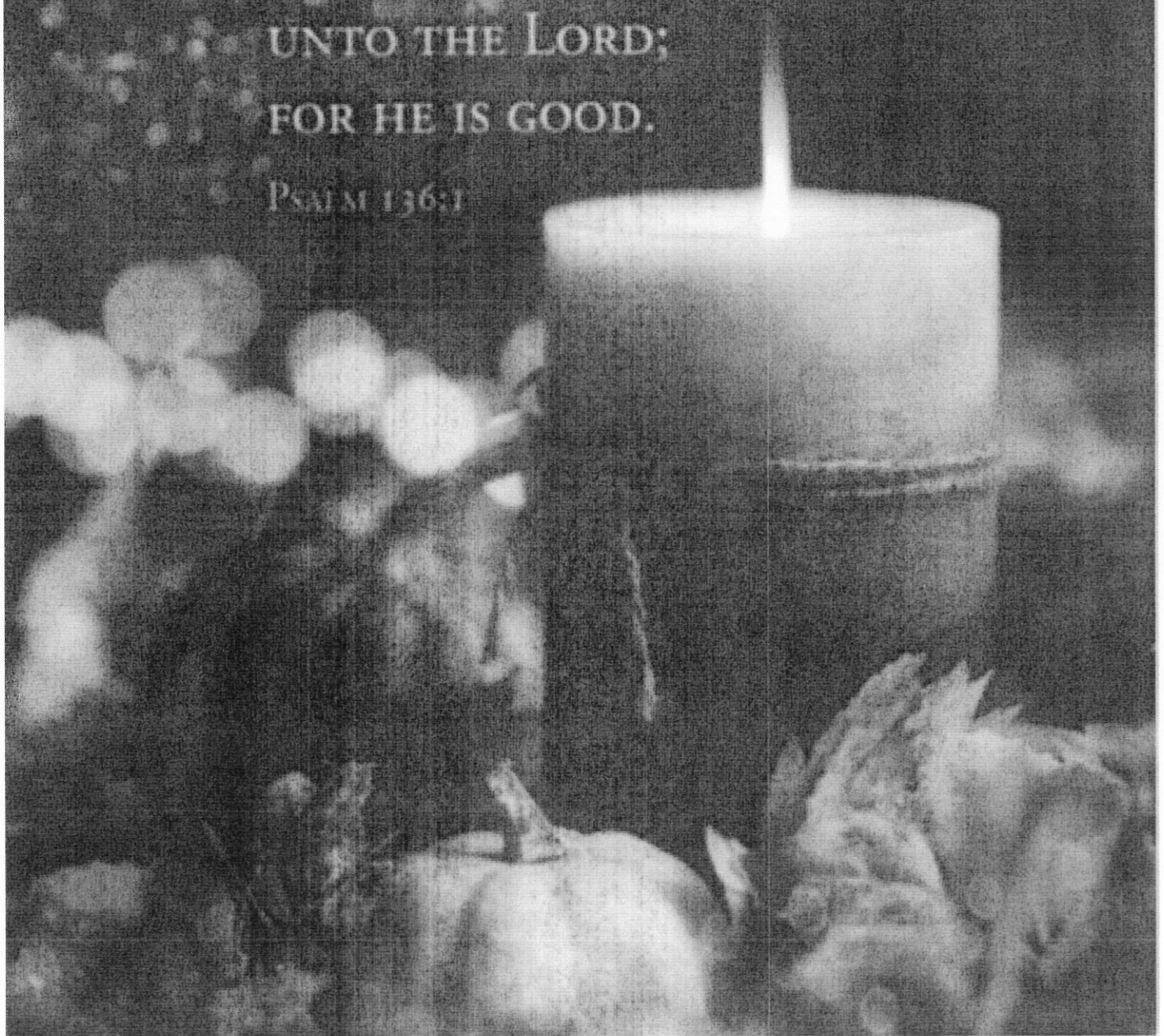


Give Thanks

UNTO THE LORD;
FOR HE IS GOOD.

PSALM 136:1



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh, God, when I have food,
help me remember the hungry.

When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless.

When I have a warm home,
help me to remember
the homeless.

When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer.

And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency,
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
—— for what we take for granted.

Samuel F. Pugh



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 23, 2023- 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE: Thanksgiving

Edvard Grieg

GATHERING SONG *We Gather Together*

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining, His kingdom divine.
So from the beginning the fight we are winning.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all Glory be thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation,
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints; grace, mercy and peace
be with you all

C: **And also with you.**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

C: **God's love is everlasting.**

P: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

C: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

P: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and
awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our
dying;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of
labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for
mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in
love;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For family; for living together and eating together; for family
amusements and family pleasures;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their
sudden sympathies;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For the young; for their high hopes; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by
experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our
diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

C: **Thank you, God.**

P: For the church into which we have been called; for the good
news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together
in the Lord;

C: **We praise you, God.**

P: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts
of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful
worship;

C: **We praise you, God.**

P: Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and
died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;

C: **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness
to us.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

C: **God's love is everlasting.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

P: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: Come Ye Thankful People, Come - #693

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather then 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!

WORD

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

Psalm 100 (*Read in unison*)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

Gospel: *Luke 17:11-19 (Please Stand)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter,

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord,
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation - #679*

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

APOSTLES' CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 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.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

C: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation; therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

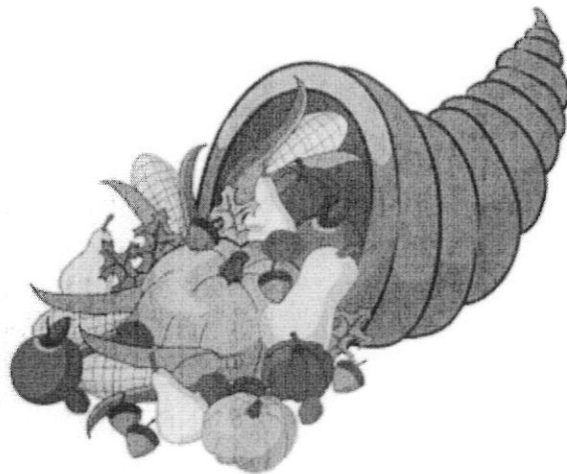
P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**



Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Prayers

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

**P: The Lord be with you.
C:(sung) And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.
C:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of ever lasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: 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.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: 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.**

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG *Now Thank We All Our God - #840*

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, and one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.*

Organ Postlude

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*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Welcome to our annual Thanksgiving Service. A special word of greeting is extended to those who are visiting with us this morning. We're glad you're here. Please join us again.

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and In memory of *John Katchur* on our anniversary, November 26 by his wife, Mollie.

The Season Of Advent begins the weekend of December 2-3. We invite you to take time during these services and on following weekends to prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas.

Built into the Rear Wall of the Sanctuary are what has traditionally been called the "*Alms Boxes*". They are there to receive your gifts that go to support ministry with and among the poor and the displaced. Gifts placed in the Alms Boxes buy food for the hungry, lodging for the homeless, bus tickets or fuel for the transient, and medicine for the sick. As you leave worship, please remember to stop by and make your gifts regularly by using our Alms Boxes. On behalf of those who will receive your help, please accept our thanks and appreciation.

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world.

We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

*Adopted by the Congregation
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