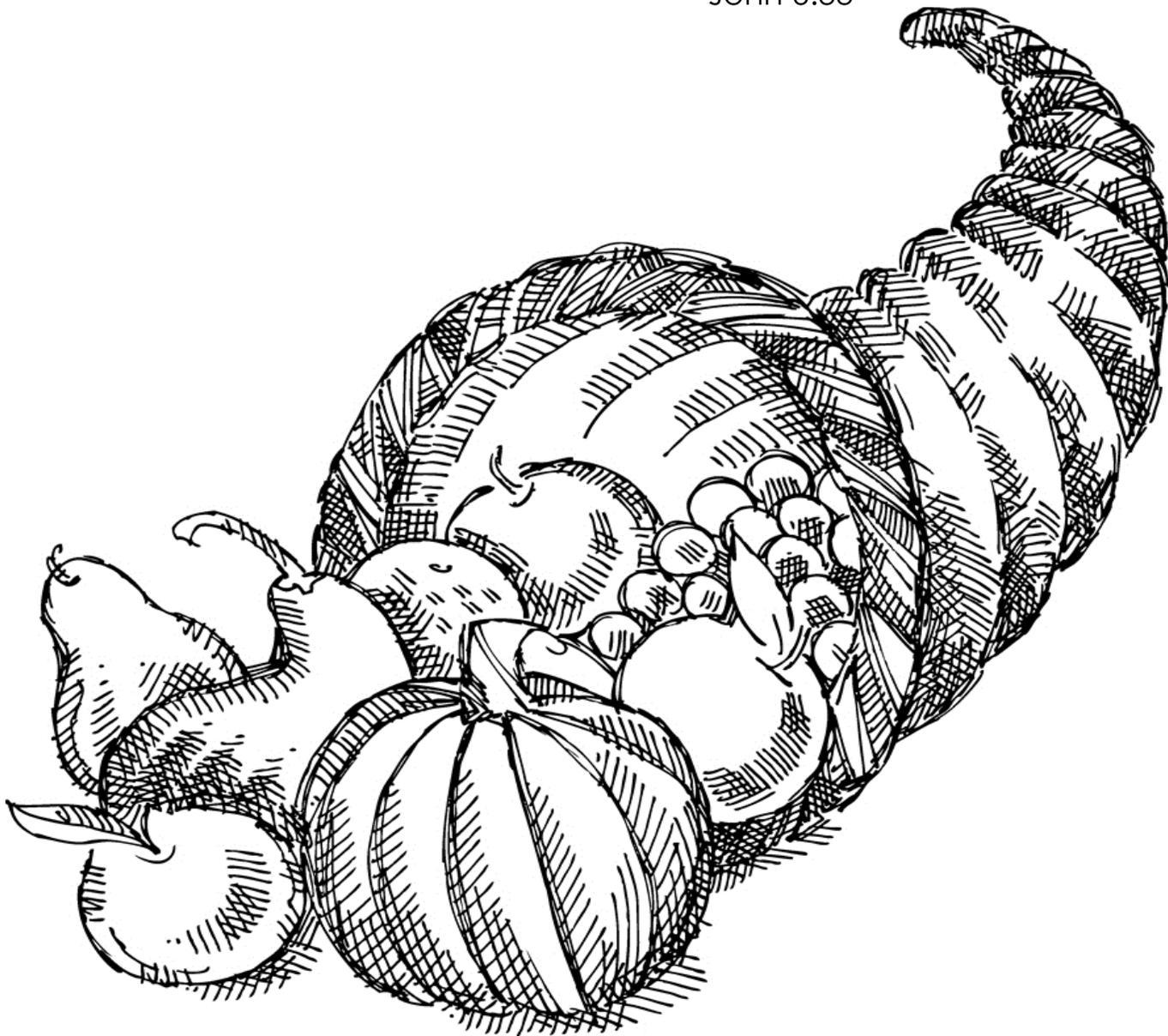


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John 6:33



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**Thanksgiving Eve -- November 27, 2019**

**PRELUDE**

*A Thanksgiving Prelude*.....Charles Callahan  
Laurel Sanders, flute; June Miller, organ

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

*To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are weary and need rest; to all who are friendless and desire friendship; to all who feel marginalized and desire acceptance; to all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; to all who know sin and need a Savior; to all who are broken and need a Healer; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; and to whomever will come—Grace Lutheran Church opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His Name and for His Sake bids you WELCOME!*

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

↑ P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Acknowledging our frailty and the power of evil in the world, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

↓ *Kneel /sit.*

**C: God, we confess that we have not loved you, or our neighbors, as we have loved ourselves. We have not given you thanks with all our hearts, our minds, and our voices. We have failed to recognize the great things that you have done through your countless gifts of love. We have gathered together to give you thanks, but we first need to confess our sins. Our failures are very real and our feelings of discouragement continue to haunt us. Lord God, forgive our sins. See through our failures and disappointments and give us hearts that desire to serve you. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

↑ HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*.....ELW #693

A LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING

L: We have come together to give thanks and praise to God.

**C: We are the people of God, gathered to give thanks for the many blessings that we enjoy every day.**

L: Lord, help us to remember how precious each day is.

**C: Keep us a thankful people.**

L: We have come together to worship God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the giver of every gift, the source of every blessing.

**C: We lift our voices in song, we listen to the good news, and respond to the love of God.**

L: We give thanks in the name of the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, 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. Amen.**

↓ FIRST LESSON.....Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pg. 158)

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

PSALM 100 (Spoken)

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

**C: Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.**

P: Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

**C: Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with  
praise give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

P: Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

**C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!**

SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 4:4-9 (pg. 955)

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken):

**C: Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 6:25-35(pg. 867)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: (spoken) Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>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? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (spoken) Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ SERMON .....Pastor Hetrick

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY      *Now Thank We All Our God*.....ELW #840

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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 THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: As God's forgiven people, let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

↓ OFFERTORY *The Lord of Harvest*.....arr. John Leavitt  
Adult Choir

↑ OFFERING HYMN Doxology.....ELW #885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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 Lord.  
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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 .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

- 1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, Everlasting is your reign.**
- 2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!"**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↓ COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood in the sacrament. Young people who are not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.*

C:

(ELW p.154)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- Praise and Thanksgiving*.....ELW #689
- For the Beauty of the Earth*.....ELW #879
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....ELW #858

↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

*Let All Things Now Living*.....ELW #881

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;  
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*.....ELW #694

WE GO OUT TO SERVE THE LORD

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*.....arr. Albert Travis

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR THIS EVENING

Acolyte.....Netta Horn  
Lector.....Barbara Vogler  
Ushers.....Bob Byers & Carl Bankert  
Deacons.....Carl Bankert & Sally Keiser-Bankert

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