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Thanksgiving Eve
November 26, 2025
12:00 pm

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

Give Thanks in the Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Variations on “Kremser”

Curtis

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

We wonder what's for lunch, we worry about work tomorrow, we fret about the test that is coming up. So much worry, so much time wasted over things we cannot control. The One who showers earth with rain, who places the stars in the autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around you, who feeds us on healing and hope. Let us confess how our worries keep us from trusting the God who hears us and restores us to new life.

**God of every blessing, even in the midst of wondering what's for lunch,
how we'll cook our Thanksgiving meal, how we'll go to work or to school,
how family will get along, help us to find our direction and peace in you.**

**Help us to let go of circumstances which may overwhelm us,
help us to sit and rest in your presence.**

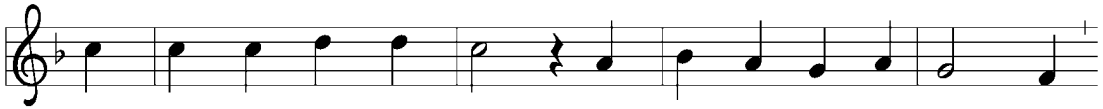
**You are the creator who showers earth with rain,
who places the stars in the autumn sky, who wraps mercy around us,
who has given us life, who feeds us with healing and hope.**

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder,
so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth,
so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

**We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing,
for life, for wonder, for mercy.**

We are blessed, for we are forgiven.

Amen



- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit it blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

We pray.

**Generous God of abundance and life,
thank you for the many gifts of our lives.**

Thank you for this time of worship.

Thank you for your constant presence.

Thank you for your healing love.

In gratitude and joy, we pray.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

Give Thanks for the Word

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading - Psalm 100

NIV

A Reading from the Book of Psalms.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did - us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

We Thank God for Family

Reading - Galatians 6:2-10

NIV

A reading from Galatians.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

For all your blessings, Lord.

We give you thanks!

Song

For the Beauty
Verses 1, 4, 5

ELW 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

We Thank God for Health

Reading – Sirach 38:7-12 and Jeremiah 30:17

NRSV-UE

A reading from Sirach and Jeremiah.

By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished,
and from him health spreads over all the earth.

My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Offer a sweet-smelling sacrifice and a memorial portion of choice flour,
and pour oil on your offering, as much as you can afford.
Then give physicians their place, for the Lord created them;
do not let them leave you, for you need them.

For I will restore health to you,
and your wounds I will heal, says the Lord,
because they have called you an outcast:
"It is Zion; no one cares for her!"

For all your blessings, Lord.

We give God thanks!



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

We Thank God for Food and Shelter

Reading - Matthew 25:37-40

NIV

A reading from Matthew.

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

For all your blessings, Lord.

We give God thanks!

Song

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Verses 1, 3

ELW 694



- 1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
- 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

We Thank God for Community

Reading – Acts 2:42 – 47

NIV

A reading from Acts.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

For all your blessings, Lord.

We give God thanks!

Song

Praise and Thanksgiving
Verses 1, 4

ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

We rise in body or spirit.

Thanksgiving Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Almighty God, we bring before you, in our hearts and on our Thanksgiving table, the gifts and blessings which you have given us this year. And, in humble gratitude, we give you thanks for them. We thank you as well for the blessings which come to us through the peace and prosperity of our family, our nation, our state and the Lehigh Valley.

We praise and thank you, O God.

Generous God, you have abundantly blessed us. Call us to lives of responsible stewardship. Keep us faithful in our lives and as citizens of this nation and as recipients of all that past generations have bequeathed to us. Help us to use it wisely for ourselves, others and for future generations.

We praise and thank you, O God.

For good in our homes and roofs over our heads,
we give you thanks and praise.

For healing in our bodies and renewal in our souls,
we give you thanks and praise.

For gifts we can share and gifts we have received,
we give you thanks and praise.

For this beautiful earth and its abundant provisions.
we give you thanks and praise.

For friends and family and the kindness of strangers,
we give you thanks and praise.

For Christ's call to live lives of purpose and passions,
we give you thanks and praise.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Lord of the nations, guide us by your Spirit to go forward in justice, freedom and peace. Give us what we need to serve others, but above all, give us faith in you, committed to a relationship with you, that we and our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace
by saying, "Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Offering Song

We Plow the Fields and Scatter Verse 3

ELW 681



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

We rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

We pray.

Gracious and abundant God, like the birds of the air, we can trust your provision.

Like the lilies of the field, all that we have is yours.

Every good thing is a gift from you.

Bless us this Thanksgiving, and bless the gifts we bring,
that in all we make and say and do:

trust may grow,

beauty may flourish,

generosity may flow,

and your name be praised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. **Amen**

Give Thanks for the Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord of blessings be with you. **And also with you.**

Be glad and rejoice, lift your hearts to the giver of life.

We praise God who clothes us in grace.

People of God, come to the Table where you will eat and be satisfied.

With shouts of joy, we gather to praise God!

God, you sang creation into being.

The heavens rang with shouts of joy, as fruit-bearing trees sprang up
and as green pastures rippled with wonder.

Crafted in your image, you satisfy us with the bounty of your food and grace.

Prophets and psalmists were sent by you to restore us to your side.

Jesus came to be with us, to forgive us and free us to be your people.

With those who gave thanks by crossing rivers,
with those who offered gratitude for simple gifts,
we join our voice in praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy! God of wonder and delight.

All creation is filled with your joy. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes to clothe us in grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, Restorer of broken lives,
and giver of salvation in and through Jesus Christ.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we give thanks for Christ's life and death,
as we shout with joy for Christ's resurrection, we share the gift of faith:

Christ died to give forgiveness for all.

Christ rose so all may live.

Christ will return so all will be fulfilled.

Pour out your Spirit on us in, with, and under the bread and the cup.
Fill us with the plenty of your grace to bring healing to a world shattered
by violence and despair.

You satisfy us with the cup of blessing and the bread of life.

Gather us together with our siblings in Christ

to feed on the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Amen

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, thanksgiving is in every word we speak,
even as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Invitation to the Table

Come to the Lord's thanksgiving feast.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

ELW 826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body in the world,
that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth
and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Give Thanks in the Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing for Thanksgiving

The Lord of all creation shower blessings and favor on you.
The Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table
with God's presence and fill your loved ones with love, harmony and peace.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Song *please see next page.*

Dismissal

The God of laughter sends you out.
So we can share joy with everyone.
The Savior of the poor sends you out.
So we may bring hope and healing to the broken and despairing.
The Spirit of wonder sends you out.
So we may join all creation in offering thanks.

Sending Music

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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