

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Thanksgiving Service
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GATHERING

Welcome Song *Come With Thanksgiving*

Come with thanksgiving -- harvest is here;
For with His bounty God crowns the year!
Fruits of the forest, crops from the seeds --
God our Provider is meeting our needs.

Come as He offers grace to each one,
For with His glory God crowns His Son --
Christ our Redeemer nailed to a tree,
Risen in triumph, is setting us free.

Come in submission pardon to seek,
For with salvation God crowns the meek.
Now as His Spirit makes our hearts new,
May we be fruitful in all that we do.

Come let us banish fear and despair --
Garlands of beauty soon we shall wear.
Come with thanksgiving, joyfully sing:
Jesus is Saviour -- we crown Him as King!

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence may be kept for reflection.

C Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Wherefore by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and in his stead, I forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

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.

WORD

First Reading

Joel 2:21-27

²¹Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Song

Psalm 126

The Lord restored us -- we were freed:
Our life was like a dream!
We laughed and sang; the heathen said,
“The Lord did this for them.”

The Lord had done great things for us,
As every eye could see;
He made our thankful hearts rejoice,
He set the captives free!

Restore us, Lord, again, we pray:
Make desert waters spring;
For those that sow in tears today
At harvest time shall sing.

The sower who goes forth and grieves
To see such barren ground
Shall carry home his golden sheaves,
While songs of joy resound.

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the

field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Day *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.

O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Refrain: O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav’n along,

O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening, find a voice. **(Refrain)**

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One. **(Refrain)**

O alleluia! Alleluia!

O alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

When prompted, call out names of people, places or organizations that are in need of God's care.

MEAL

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church in Warrenton and the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage.

Offering Song

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

Dialogue

The presiding minister invites the people to prayer.

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.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

The minister leads a prayer of thanksgiving, recalling God's saving deeds, and calling the Holy Spirit to be present as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body and Blood. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand around the altar. You will be offered both the bread and cup. If you prefer not to drink, simply indicate this to the assisting minister.

Communion Song

Oh Give Thanks

Sung by VoP

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray together. *[A brief pause]*

C Grant, O God, that in fellowship with all your saints, we may receive with a pure mind the treasures that we have touched with our lips, the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,

teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal

L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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