

Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 23, 2022



PRELUDE Minister Charlotte (violin) and Richard Regent (clarinet)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING

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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

We center our hearts & minds with the Holy Spirit chimes. We gather, remembering that whatever we carry with us into worship, God meets us as we are with mercy, grace, and steadfast love.

You are invited to stand.

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

I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God, we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace, grateful for God's unfailing promises. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ELW #693

GREETING 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

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

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the book of Colossians.

11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 100

Let us read Psalm 100 responsively.

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

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.**

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

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Thanks Be to Thee” Chancel Choir

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to the twenty-third chapter of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Now Thank We All Own God ELW #840

You are invited to stand.

CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

God, whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief moment of silence.

God, you give all people a place at the table. Nurture and encourage campus ministries, new congregations, and workplace chaplaincies. Support all parts of the church that meet people where they are and offer accompaniment through daily challenges and joys. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

You give nourishment to the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Sustain all creatures who rely on the earth for sustenance. Water parched ground, dry flooded fields, temper heat waves and frosts, and give sunlight and shade. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God, you give wisdom to your people. Enlighten all leaders. Inspire and guide our president, our governor, our local leaders, and all who represent us in our government. Give them patience and perspective to choose wisely for our common good. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God, you give nourishment to those who hunger. Bring poverty and food insecurity to an end. Give dignity and adequate employment to those who are unemployed and underemployed. Sustain us all at your welcoming banquet of love and justice. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God, you give community to those who are lonely. Be with our biological families, our chosen families, and our church family as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your compassionate presence to those who are lonely, those who are separated or estranged from their families, and those whose loved ones have died. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God, you give a feast of endless thanksgiving. We are grateful for the saints gathered at your table who have gone before us. Unite us with them whenever we give thanks to you. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive these, and all our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the basket near the baptismal font.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, our lover, our keeper,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for lands and seas and all their animals, and for friends and
strangers and family,
for homes and grocery stores and
schools,
We praise you for your covenant people,
for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and
Miriam,
and for centuries of faithful Christians,
for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who saves us from sin and from evil.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
We pray for your Holy Spirit,
your breath, your fire, your wisdom.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
inspire your people for service,
and renew the world with your mercy,
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,
We praise you, all-holy God,
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW #807

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until
that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG O Beautiful for Spacious Skies ELW #888

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace. Gluten-free options are available.

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please send an email or call the main number. *

Adoration is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, open and affirming to people of "*all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions*" or "*LGBTQIA+*."

We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.



We pray for those in need:

Dick Voegeli;
Brother of Dick Voegeli;
Betty Wing;
Bob & Sandy Young, grieving the death of their friend, Dale;
Wally Stasiewski, facing several health crises;
Mary Anne Markiewicz;
Jeanette and Tom Nowakowski, grieving the tragic loss of their great-niece, Olivia;
Melissa and Lincoln (daughter and grandson of Sue Szemborski), recovering from a car accident;
Jerry (Bruce Crueger's brother);
Angie Lange (Sue Clark's mother-in-law);
Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin);
Joani Bettin;
Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton), newly diagnosed with brain cancer;
Doreen Timmerman, recovering from foot surgery;
Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a continued healthy pregnancy;
Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister);
Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield);
Jackie (niece of Jan Rinderle)

We continue to pray for strength and recovery for:

Tom Nowakowski;
Kathy and John Imp;
Marylee Dye;
Craig Beyler;
Ruth & Bob Bauer;
Pat Koch;
Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
Marilyn (sister of Kathy Wakefield);
Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);
Janie Record (Pr. Delaney's aunt);
Tammy Patton (Pr. Delaney's aunt);
Bruce (friend of Joyce Weinert)



We keep in our prayers:

Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);
Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);
Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter);

Shelby and the family of Taylor Daniels (friends of Crystal Januchowski)

Lord, in your mercy, Receive Our Prayer.