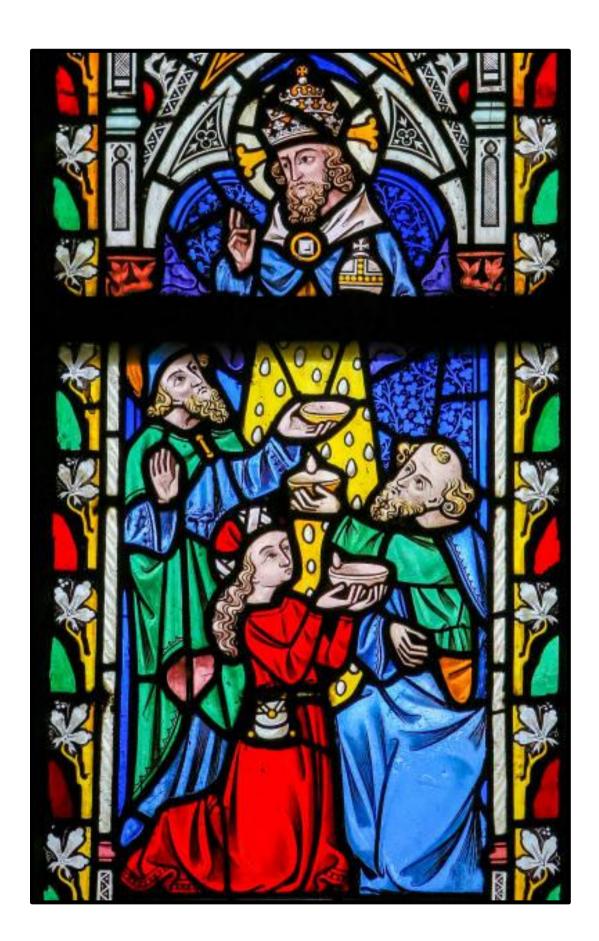


NOVEMBER 26, 2025 • WEDNESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING



HEREFORE I TELL YOU, DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHAT YOU WILL EAT OR WHAT YOU WILL DRINK, NOR ABOUT YOUR BODY, WHAT YOU WILL PUT ON. IS NOT LIFE MORE THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY MORE THAN CLOTHING?... THEREFORE DO NOT BE ANXIOUS, SAYING, 'WHAT SHALL WE EAT?' OR 'WHAT SHALL WE DRINK?' OR 'WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?'...BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU."

- Matthew 6:25, 31, 33

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

"Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved". -Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.

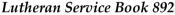


Prelude

WELCOME

Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross.



"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"



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HOLY BAPTISM

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **Amen.**Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

 Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

- **P** How are you named?
- **R** Luke and Noah.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Luke and Noah according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16 NKJV

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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
- The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.
- C Amen.

Sitting

P Luke and Noah, do you renounce the devil?

forever and ever. Amen.

- **R** Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- **P** Luke and Noah, do you desire to be baptized?
- **R** Yes, I do.
- Luke, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Noah, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- C Amen.
- Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- C Amen.
- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C Amen.

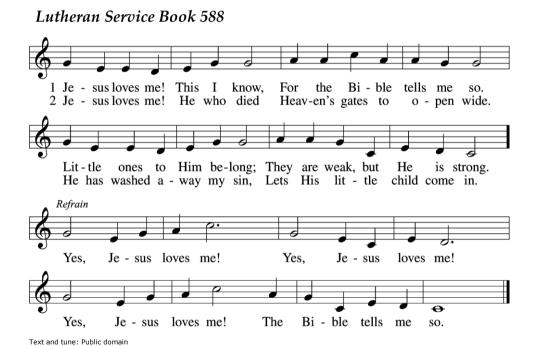
- **P** Let us pray.
 - Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Luke and Noah the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

"Jesus Loves Me"

- C Amen.
- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Psalm 104:33



- I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;*

 I will sing praise to my God while I have | being.
- O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;* the earth is full of your | creatures.
- These all | look to you,*
 to give them their food in due | season.
- When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;* when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.
- When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,* and renew the face | of the ground.

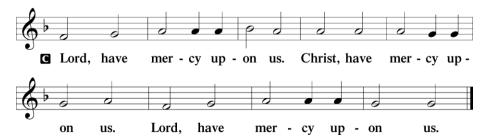


I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praise to my God while I have | being.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

- A The Prophecy for the Day of Thanksgiving is from Deuteronomy, chapter eight.
- A In those days, Moses said: "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did

not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1



- The eyes of all look to | you, [O Lord,]* and you give them their food in due | season.
- You o- | pen your hand*
 and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- L Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
 his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

EPISTLE

- **A** The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter four.
- Brethren: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be

Philippians 4:6-20

content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, church entered partnership with me in giving receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Standing

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 136:1



L Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



- P And it came to pass: On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them,
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



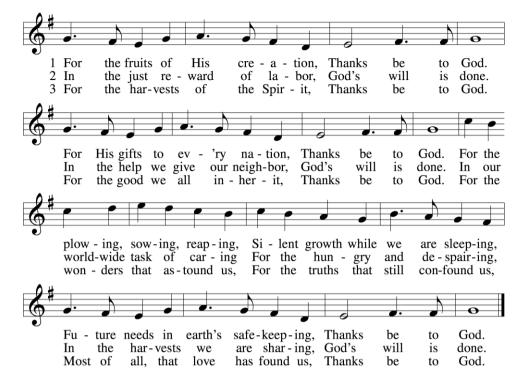
when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

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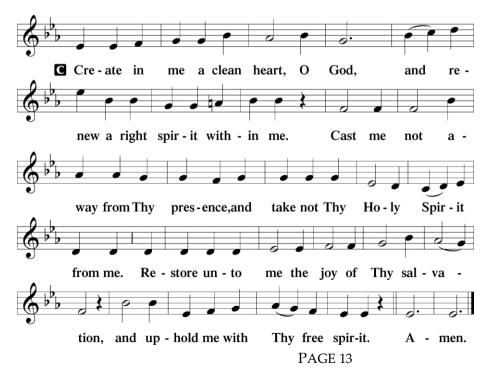
"For the Fruits of His Creation"



SERMON

Standing

OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10–12



OFFERING

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- Gracious God, Your mercies are new every morning. Continually provide us with all we need to support this body and life, and grant that we would receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Gracious God, You cause the rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous, and You make the sun to shine on evildoers as well as those who do good. Spare Your people from drought and famine, that the land might produce a good harvest and that Your people might share Your bounty to feed this hungry world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious God, You have sent us forth in Your name as instruments of hope and love to a world in need. Bless the good work of all ministries of human care, that Christ would be made known through their works of mercy here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious God, You are the Giver of life. Teach us to respect and nurture the lives of all people, especially the unborn, those born with disability or infirmity, and those for whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious God, You have given us Your Word and Sacraments. Grant us grace to value these heavenly treasures above all else, that You would ever be the source of our greatest joy, the true and abiding light of our lives, and our constant consolation in every season of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Gracious God, we remember the saints of old who loved and served You, and we imitate them in commending ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your loving hand, trusting You to grant us all things needful for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- \mathbf{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,

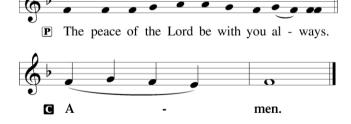
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19





Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

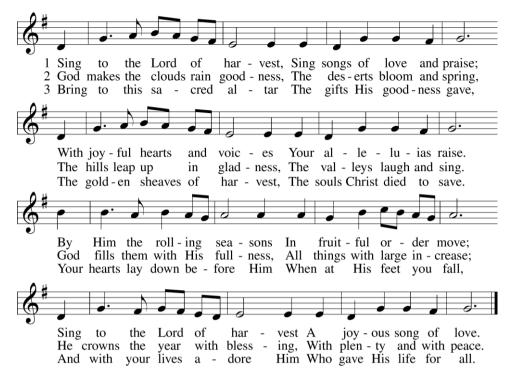
Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Keep me from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness, and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strenthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 893

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"



Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Merciful Redeemer, You have fulfilled Your promise, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). At Your Table I have received nourishment for my soul, the water of life in my weariness. By giving me, with the bread and the cup, Your body and Your blood, You have again said to me: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1). You have wiped out all my sins and have put on me the garments of Your righteousness. Make me truly grateful for Your abundant love. Let the Sacrament be in me a power overcoming unbelief and doubt, conquering temptations and evil desires, and producing good works and humble service. Having been a guest at Your Table, help me to share the bread of life with my neighbors, so that they may share my joy and happiness. To You and the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory forever and ever. Amen.

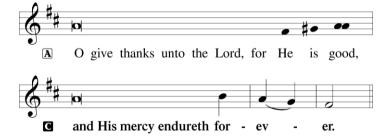
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Luke 2:29-32



THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



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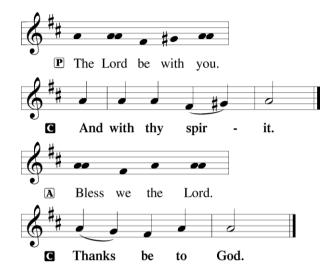
P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

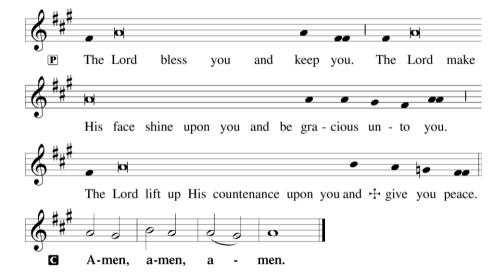
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2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



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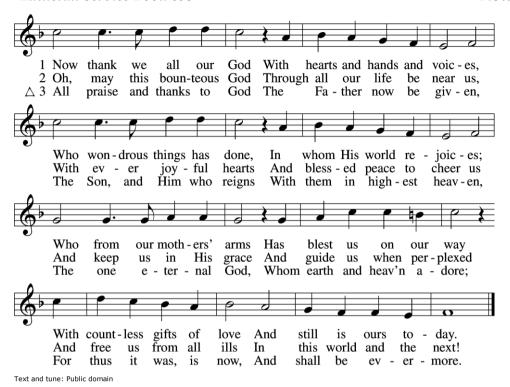
Numbers 6:24-26



RECESSIONAL HYMN

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"Now Thank We All Our God"



POSTLUDE



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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Abby Warnke, Director of Music

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