

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Thanksgiving Eve



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November 27, 2019*

INTRODUCTION

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
healer of our every ill,
source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
let us turn again to God,
confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we come before you, beloved but broken.
We have not always treated others
as we would want them to treat us.
We have not always called out injustice and abuse.
We have not always been kind to ourselves.
We have not always taken care of the world
we share with other living creatures.
Remind us of who we are,
beloved children bathed in your love.
Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,
bringing healing to the brokenness around us.
Amen.

At every moment
you are held in existence by the love of God,
renewed by the Spirit within and among you,
and made alive again in Christ.
Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:
you are forgiven and freed
to live for the healing of the world.
Amen.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Thanksgiving Prayer"

organ, piano duet

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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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.**
- ⁴ **Enter 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.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **ELW 884**

GOSPEL: John 6:25-35

Glory to you, O Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

THANKSGIVING HOMILY

Pastor Wade Reddy

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor

Guest Organist
Pianist

Wade Reddy
Marty Scharff
Barbara Andreesen

~Requested Prayers~

*Carol Helgens

*Marla Walters

*Gwen Edwards

*Kalinda Stadtmueller

*Sandy Taylor

*John Andreesen

*Sue O'Brein

*Sheri Hatfield

*Cleo Andreesen

*Floyd Reddy (Pastor Wade's father),

*Marlene Falconer, friend of Mark & Lisa Farley

*Marie Hein mother to Mark Hein

***Prayers of Encouragement** for Vicar Holly Knouse

***Prayers of Thanksgiving** for the gift of twins born to Justin & Taylor Sieverding and God's blessings upon Lena & Brucks.

***Prayers for Our Military Family** *Ben Harms *David Frankfurt
*Trevor Owen

December is Wayne Zions month to work the Monticello Food Pantry. There are a few opportunities needing our attention:
Friday, December 7th & 18th 2:00-4:00 pm and Monday December 21st 5:00-7:00 pm.

A Note of Thanks

Greetings Wayne Zion Family,

I wanted to take this chance to thank you all again for your continued support of my journey through seminary. The cards, messages, prayers, and words of encouragement mean so much.

I would also like to thank you for your generous financial assistance. The cost is great and I couldn't make it happen without you. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

God's Peace, Holly Knouse