

# **Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

## **Thanksgiving Eve**



### **INTRODUCTION**

*Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.*

### **GATHERING**

#### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

#### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

*"Hymn of Thanks and Praise"*

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Have mercy on us, O God.  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.  
We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.  
We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.  
Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.  
Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.  
Lift up your heads and your hearts.  
Yours is the kingdom of God.  
**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

***"Now Thank We All Our God"***

**ELW 840**

### **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**

***"Prayer of Thanksgiving"***

organ, piano duet

### **WORD**

**FIRST READING: Joel 2:21-27**

**Pew Bible P. 1421**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126**

**Pew Bible P. 967**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Pew Bible P. 1844**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33**  
Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**Pew Bible P. 1509**

**THANKSGIVING HOMILY**

**Pastor Wade Reddy**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “We Praise You, O God” ELW 870**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY HYMN “We Are an Offering” ELW 692**  
One License #1037643

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

*All who are baptized and believe Jesus is present in this meal and God nourishes our faith, forgives our sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and apple juice are available. Those who wish to receive a blessing may also come forward with arms folded.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW 689**  
One License #13262

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor

Guest Organist

Pianist

Vocalists

Lector

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Wade Reddy

Marty Scharff

Barb Andreesen

Brandy Nietert, Barb Andreesen

Cole Nietert

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***Dessert in Social Hall—Blessed Thanksgiving!***

### **Upcoming Worship Opportunity**

**Sun, November 28th** **First Sunday In Advent**

**9:00 am Worship**

Wed, December 1<sup>st</sup>- 6:00 pm Advent Healing Worship

**Sun, December 5<sup>th</sup>-** 9:00 am Worship w/communion

Wed, December 8<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 pm Advent Worship "Fear Not"

**Sun, December 12<sup>th</sup>-** **9:00 am Children's Christmas Program**

**followed by Preschool Christmas Pageant**

Wed, December 15<sup>th</sup>- No Worship

**Sun, December 19<sup>th</sup>-** 9:00 am Adults Choir Worship

**"I Hear the Prophet Callin'" Cantata**

Wed, December 22<sup>nd</sup>- No worship

**Fri, December 24<sup>th</sup>-** *Christmas Eve* **1:00 pm, 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

**Candlelight Worship**

**Sat, December 25<sup>th</sup>-** *Christmas Day* **No Worship**

**Sun, December 26<sup>th</sup>-** 9:00 am Regular Worship w/communion



As we continue to strive to keep ourselves healthy, you may participate three different ways again this year. You may take tags from the tree in the social hall; you may select and sign up for items at our online SignUpGenius.com; (available Nov 30) you may select a tag from those included in the **December church newsletter**. Each family has been assigned a color to make sorting and distribution to the families much easier. It is important that you include the tag with the item(s) you have purchased. If you are interested in items from those included in the December newsletter, please contact me BEFORE purchasing as I would need to check to see if the item has already been selected by someone else. You can cut the tags from the newsletter list and tape it to your item(s). I can be reached at (319) 350-3504 or at [rhondamichelsrmb@gmail.com](mailto:rhondamichelsrmb@gmail.com)