



First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd St.; Ortonville, MN 56278

**Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 25, 2021 - 7:00 pm**

Prelude

Bells

Announcements

Greeting & Sharing of Peace

Call to Worship

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

C: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

P: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

C: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

L: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

C: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

Entrance Hymn

'Sing to the Lord of Harvest'

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Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness: **C: Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily. Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those who lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Silence is kept**

Assurance of Pardon

C: We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

Hymn

'Now Thank We All Our God'

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Prayer of the Day

L: Hot showers...childhood forever.

C: What blessings are ours, Creation's Joy!

L: Teachers who patiently...into the goal.

C: What blessings are ours, Servant of Joy!

L: Dogs who bounce....say 'thank you'.

C: What blessings are ours, Joyous Spirit!

Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:21-27

OT pg. 657

Psalm 126

Scripture Reading: 1st Timothy 2:1-7

NT pg. 162

Special Music

'A Jubilant Psalm'

Senior Choir

Victor C. Johnson

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

NT pg. 5

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Reflection

Hymn

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

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Prayers of the People

P: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gathering of Offerings and Pledges

Stewardship Prayer of Dedication

L: Oh God, as you create in us hearts for giving, we dedicate our gifts to you.

C: Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world.

L: We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

C: Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.

L: Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

C: Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in your service.

L: We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing **C: Amen**

Sending

L: Before we fill ourselves from groaning tables,

C: let us go forth to feed those whose hunger is all too real.

L: Before we gather with friends and family in warm, safe homes,

C: let us go forth to shelter those who have no place to sleep.

L: Before we rush to the stores to buy more than we really need,

C: let us go to offer our hearts and lives to all whose lives are empty.

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

'Let All Things Now Living'

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Bells

Postlude

Thanksgiving Offering will go to the Big Stone Area Food Shelf.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

- ❖ to Brent Z. for leading us in worship today
- ❖ to the choir director, Lisa Berdan, and the Senior Choir for sharing their talents with us again.
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