



# First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; Ortonville, MN 56278

Thanksgiving Eve. Service  
November 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm



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Prelude

Bells

## **GATHERING**

**Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

P: Give thanks to God!

**C: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.**

P: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**C: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

P: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands. Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*'Let All Things Now Living'*

#881

**1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

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### **Prayer of the Day:**

P: 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.**

## WORD

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

OT pg. 128-129

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

NT pg. 141

## **Special Music**

*'A Celebration of Thanks'*

Senior Choir

Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig. Music by Don Besig.

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

NT pg. 61

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflections

*Lives of Thankfulness and Gratefulness*

Thankful Speakers: Jackie Domine, Archer Dorry, Barb Wiese

*Sing one verse from the Hymn below after each speaker.*

## **Hymn**

*'Great is Thy Faithfulness'*

#733

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever will be.**

*(Refrain):* **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960. Music: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957.

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## **Prayers of the People**

*Each petitions ends with ... Hear us, O God.*

*Congregation response, "Your mercy is great."*

## MEAL

### **Gathering of Offerings**

Offertory Hymn

*'As the Grains of Wheat'*

#465

*(Refrain):* **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. (Refrain)**

**2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. (Refrain)**

Text: Didache, 2nd century.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Music: Marty Haugen. Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

Offertory Prayer

P: God of abundance, **C: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

pg. 208

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: We will. Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn**

'How Great Thou Art' vs. 1, 3, 4

#856

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**(Refrain): Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)**

**4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)**

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989.

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Bells

Postlude

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



### **THANK YOU...**

to our speakers: Jackie Domine, Archer Dorry, Barb Wiese; the choir director, Lisa Berdan; and the Senior Choir for sharing their talents with us again. Thank you to Carol Ydstie for playing music, Archer for being our acolyte, Marina Thomson & Marge Dragseth for working on the screens & sound system, Neva Foster for greeting, and Kari Dorry for Lectoring. Thank you to Liz Ketz and Ron Athey for being ushers. And thanks to everyone else who volunteered to help out with the rest on short notice.