



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 27, 2024 7pm

**YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, READ THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP
FOLDER, AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**

In
EVERYTHING
give thanks.

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ's body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Brochures can be found at each door. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Thanksgiving means overeating for many Americans, but all that food isn't good for us. Moreover, the adage is still true: "You are what you eat." Our preoccupation with what is in front of our eyes clouds the food we truly need—the soul food, our Lord Himself. He comes to us whenever and wherever the Word is proclaimed; indeed, He is the Word in the flesh. When we find nourishment from Him, every part of our life is strengthened. Only with His Spirit within us are we able to think on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise, as Paul exhorts in the Epistle. Being fed by the Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, is cause for thanksgiving every time we receive Him aurally in the proclaimed Gospel and orally in the Eucharist.

Welcome

Call to Worship – "Way Maker" (*Lyrics on screens*)

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Philippians 4:6–7

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

C And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

Confession and Absolution

Philippians 4:8, 19

- P** Although we are anxious about many things, God's peace comes to us daily. Let us confess our sins, trusting that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father will guard our hearts and minds with His peace.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P** Brothers and sisters, in today's Epistle, Paul urges, "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."

- C** **We confess that we have spoken lies, dishonored God's name, judged people on sight, adopted society's impure values, failed to tend to God's good creation, and forgotten to thank Him for providing all we need from day to day.**

Heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, who did all things well and to whom alone belongs all the praise, we ask You to forgive what is past, graciously strengthen us for this day, and by Your indwelling Spirit move our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You.

- P** Paul was inspired to promise, "God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Our heavenly Father does indeed supply your deepest need. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 wilt be

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 **CHORUS**

CHORUS: *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

3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside **CHORUS**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
P Let us pray. Almighty God, You give us what we need for every part of our lives.
C **Open our eyes that we see not only the nourishment You provide our bodies but also that which strengthens our souls in the gift of Your Son;**
P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹The 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. ²And 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. ³And 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. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

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

Response

Deuteronomy 8:3b

- L** We have not been tested by forty years in the wilderness, and we have not been humbled to rely on the Lord for manna every day.
- C** **No, our testing has been during years of plenty, with food and clothing in wide array from which to choose.**
- L** The lesson, though, remains the same:
- C** **Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Psalms 67

- ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²**that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**
- ⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Epistle

Philippians 4:6–20

- ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Psalms 136:1

- P** Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good
C **for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter. **G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav-en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Thanksgiving Message by Pastor Rennie

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

***And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.***

Give thanks, give thanks.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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.
I 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 \pm everlasting. Amen.

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at www.RisenChrist.info – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us come before almighty God to thank Him for countless blessings and ask His grace and mercy for ourselves and all who call out to Him in faith. Paul's exhortation in the Epistle guides our petitions. Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is true,
- C** we give thanks that **Your Word of promise is truth itself, and we ask that in governments and societies on the national level down to our own communities truth will prevail and falsehood be exposed.**
- P** Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is honorable,
- C** we give thanks that **You have honored the lowly in Your compassionate love, and we pray that Your Spirit will guide us to honor Your name and kingdom in all that we say and do.**
- P** O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is just,
- C** we give thanks that **our Savior's sacrifice covers our sins before the Father's throne, and we pray that justice will prevail in the courts of our land and in the nations of the world; grant that peace break out between neighbors and countries.**
- P** Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is pure,
- C** we give thanks for the **pure Gospel as clergy and lay leaders proclaim it around the world, and we pray that You guide, protect, and direct the Church wherever it is found so that it grow in faith and numbers.**
- P** Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is lovely,
- C** we give thanks for the **good and bountiful earth You have given us, and we pray You to bless those who sow and till, those who produce and distribute, so that daily bread will be available to all the people of this planet.**
- P** O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is commendable,
- C** we give thanks for the **gifts You have placed within people by which they are able to care for one another in health facilities and within their own families, and we pray that You will open the eyes of all so that we work together to serve the weak and forgotten, the sick and poor around us.**

- P** Almighty God, You alone are excellent and worthy of praise. Hear the thanks in our hearts for whatever our lips have failed to speak; we pray You to guide our feet into Your loving paths that thanksgiving abound as we serve You and those around us to the glory of Your holy name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

We Praise You, O God



- 1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



- In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



- We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



- We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Benediction and Dismissal

- 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.**

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