

FIRST NATIONAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection, aid and favors . . .

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us. -George Washington, 1789

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer

Organist: Lynne Eifert (7:00)

Doug Reynolds, Director of Parish Music (10:00)

Choir: Central Lutheran Choirs (7:00)

Handbell Choir (7:00)

Adult Choir (10:00)

Instruments: Lauren Bulmahn, Emily Castens, Sarah Gehl, Augie Hoover,

Bethany Zeckzer, Caleb Zeckzer

Acolytes: Reid Abbott (7:00)

Liliana Hernandez (10:00)

Elder: Benjamin Castens (7:00)

Mike Sweet (10:00)

Ushers: Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (7:00)

Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (10:00)

† Day of Thanksgiving †

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

AS WE GATHER ~ At the corner of Hayden Hill and Walkley Hill roads in Haddam, Connecticut, stands the colonial home of one of the early resident families of that little town on the Connecticut River: the Thankful Arnold House. Now the location for the town's Historical Society, it is the home where Thankful Clark Arnold and her husband, Joseph, raised their twelve children, beginning in 1798. The house stayed in the family for over 150 years until a family member gifted it to the local community. At one time, "Thankful" was a proper and common name for girls and women. It served as a testimony to the goodness of God throughout that individual's life. In his "Song of Thanks" recorded in First Chronicles, King David exclaimed "Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!" (16:8). No matter what personal name we may carry throughout our lives, we can individually express our great thankfulness to God for all the blessings that we receive day by day and season after season.

PRELUDE (7:00) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (Callahan)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **LSB 892**

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come and shall take His harvest home,

From His field shall in that day all offences purge away,

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**Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

INVOCATION ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ↑ (Psalm 54:6; 79:13; 136:1; 145:10; 1 John 1:9, adapt.)

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,

People: and all Your saints shall bless You!

Pastor: I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**People: We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You
forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

♪ **HYMN** ↓ *Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness* **LSB 788**

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,

For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,

For songs of praise for food and harvest press,

While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:

Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,

For life and vision, for a purpose clear,

For Christ Your Son, and for each human face

That shows Your message ever new and near.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,

For words that speak at variance with deeds;

Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways

Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:

Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"
Assured that only what's withheld is lost.

Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
May thankfulness be days in service spent,
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

↑ Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: If we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sin-filled people. We are by nature sinful, and sin is present in our lives each day, in thought, word, and deed. We know that have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You require of us. We have not always lived lives that reflect thankfulness to You, the giver of all that is good. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord, who is the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully and with great gratitude here on earth until that time beyond time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.**

Pastor: Our God has promised to hear us and to grant forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you be kept steadfast in the Holy Spirit, living each day in thankfulness to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC ↓ (7:00) *Lord, to You Immortal Praise* (Christensen)

Please meditate on the words as the Handbells play.

Lord, to You immortal praise for the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, let Your praise our tongues employ.
All to You, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours; autumn's rich, abundant stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health, private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, true religion's holier beams:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows of solemn praise.

As Your prosp'ring hand has blest, may we give You of the best
And by deeds of kindly love for Your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Lord, to You immortal praise."

PRAYER ↓

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we may with thankful hearts receive Your great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SEQUENCE OF THANKS ↓

Pastor: Often in conjunction with the celebration of a Day of Thanksgiving, people individually express that for which they are thankful. A thankful remembrance can well be a blessing. Most important, however, is that proper thanks be directed to the source of every blessing—to our gracious God. The sacred writer of the book of Lamentations reminds us, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end" (3:22). As those who confess the

triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—it is well that we direct our thanks to each person of the blessed Trinity, beginning with God the Father, our creator and preserver. After listing some of the dynamics of God’s bounty in the “what does this mean” response to the First Article of the Creed, Martin Luther concludes, “For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him” (LSB, p. 322).

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE ↓

Give Thanks

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (ESV)

Moses calls on the Israelites to bless God for His faithfulness.

“The 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.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ↓

(7:00) Rejoice and Sing

(10:00) We Gather Together (Hopson)

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining, His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, was at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

EPISTLE READING ↓

Philippians 4:6-9 (ESV)

Paul encourages the Philippians to pray and give thanks to the God who sustains them in all troubles.

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.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑**Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)***Jesus generously heals ten lepers. A Samaritan is the only one who thanks Him.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?”¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY** ↓*Voices Raised to You We Offer**LSB 795***Voices raised to You we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.****Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for Your gifts through all our days.****Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!****All creation joins to praise You; earth and sky Your works display.****Art and music, gifts You lend us, we return to You today.****Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!****Christ, the song of Love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace,****For Your living, suff'ring, dying, for Your rising, hear our praise!****Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!****Spirit, flaming through creation, kindle faith within each heart.****Lift our voices high in chorus; through our hands Your love impart.****Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!****How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?****Take our hearts and hands and voices – gifts of love we can bestow.****Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!****SERMON** ↓**APOSTLES CREED** ↑**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 † everlasting. Amen.****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** ↑

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, giving thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Gracious God, gratefully we remember Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for the church, here and around the world, giving thanks for the joyful message of the Gospel as it is faithfully proclaimed from generation to generation.

Almighty God, we thank You for the church, where Your Holy Spirit gathers us as Your people to receive Your gifts and celebrate Your goodness. Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who give witness to Your unchanging love. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for the world in which we live, giving thanks for the amazing place in which we live and asking that we may readily share the bounty we receive from the hand of the Lord.

Caring God, we thank You for the world in which we live as together we pray for the community of nations around the globe. Continue to give us all things needful and grant that we may be good stewards of the earth. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be centers of welcome and compassion. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for those people who are blessings to us in our homes, in our communities, and beyond, remembering our local emergency workers, our national defenders, and the many workers in the agricultural fields across our nation and beyond.

Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Bless the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, who selflessly serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. We remember those whose labor brings a rich variety of food to our tables in this and in every season. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for those with special needs for compassion at this time, that they may know the care of the Lord and our care as well. Let us also bring thankfully to mind those who have completed their earthly journey and now rejoice in the Lord's eternal kingdom.

Lord of time and of eternity, we remember in our petitions those with special concerns and needs including the ill, the hospitalized, and the homebound, those who sorrow, the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that we find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need our concern and our care. On this Day of Thanksgiving, we also recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. May we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to be Your agents of blessing during our earthly lives as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together and give You eternal thanks and praise. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Pastor: With thanksgiving, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

People: 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.

BENEDICTION ↑

(Philippians 4:19–20; Numbers 6:24–26)

Pastor: And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

People: To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑

Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

POSTLUDE

(7:00) *Now Thank We All Our God (J.S.Bach)*



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.