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. Chad E. Hoover
Organist:	Doug Reynolds
Choir:	Handbell Choir (7:00)
	Adult Choir (10:00)
Acolytes:	Matt Sorg, Kale Dommer (7:00)
	Cohen Pankop, Uriah Edmondson (10:00)
Elder:	Benjamin Castens (7:00)
	Paul Niccum (10:00)
Ushers:	Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (7:00)
	Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (10:00)

† Day of Thanksgiving †

Wednesday, November 25, 2026 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 26, 2026 ~ 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 ~ Did you give thanks for your last meal? Most people—even Christians—often "forget" to give thanks. When we do not give thanks, we are like the rich fool of the parable, thinking it was his work that brought the grain, when in fact it was God who gave it to Him. When we do not give thanks, we become fools, forgetting who gave us what we have and all we are. Have you been foolish? That is what Jesus calls the rich man. Give thanks always—that is the advice of Paul. Above all, give thanks for the cross and the empty tomb, which opens heaven to us.

PRELUDE **(7:00)** ***Come, Ring Thanks!*** **(Behnke)**
(10:00) ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** **(Rice)**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

1 - 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.

2 - 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.

3 - For the Lord, our God, shall come and shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day all offences purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

4 - 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 ↑

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.
People: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

INTROIT ↑ (Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon Psalm 104:33)

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Pastor: O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;
People: the earth is full of Your creatures.

Pastor: These all look to You,
People: to give them their food in due season.

Pastor: When You give it to them, they gather it up;
People: when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
People: and You renew the face of the ground.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

COLLECT 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.

ANTHEM ↓ (10:00) *A Grateful Heart* (Schram)

The Lord has need of nothing, ev'rything we see belongs to Him.
The Lord has need of nothing, ev'rything we have by Him was given.
And so we come into His house, and we bring our tithes and offerings.
To Him who gives so much to us, we offer one thing more, a grateful heart.

The Lord has need of nothing, but He offers each one of us the chance
To give back just a portion of the blessings that flow from His open hands.
And so we come into His house, and we bring our tithes and offerings.
To Him who gives so much to us, we offer one thing more, one thing more.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓ Deuteronomy 8:1-10 *(ESV)*

Remember the Lord Your God

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

♪ HYMN ↓ *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* *LSB* 893

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

EPISTLE READING ↓ *God's Provision* **Philippians 4:6-20 *(ESV)***

[6]Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8]Finally, 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. [9]What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[10]I 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. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. [12]I 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. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[14]Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15]And 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. [16]Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17]Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18]I 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. [19]And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20]To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑ *Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers* **Luke 17: 11-19 *(ESV)***

[11]On the way to Jerusalem he 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 ↓ *We Praise You, O God* ***LSB* 785**

1 - We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 - We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 - With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

SERMON ↓ *Let Us Bless the Lord*

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE ↓ *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!

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: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn away from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION ↑

(Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24–26)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
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

1 - 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.

2 - 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!

3 - 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.