



In everything give

THANKS

For this is the will of God in

Christ Jesus toward you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

November 19, 2023



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Prayer before Worship

O Lord, our heavenly Father, with thanks and praise in my heart I am here to worship you today. You have blessed me so abundantly. You have given me Jesus — my Lord and Savior. He is the greatest Treasure anyone could ever have. He took away all my sin and guilt. He opened the door to your eternal home. He lives in my heart and grants me peace. Beyond even that, you have given me millions of other blessings. I could never thank you enough. Receive my praise and thanks today, hear my prayers, bless our flock, and bless this hour of worship. Amen.

Before Worship

Take time for prayer and to review the lessons and the service notes.

General Information

The restrooms are located in the fellowship hall.
Visitors – welcome, and please take a moment
and sign the guestbook in the fellowship hall.

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

507 *Let All Things Now Living*

CW 507



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Thanksgiving Call to Worship

In the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Redeemer + ,
and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier.

Amen.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

The world and all who live in it.

He has created us to be a people for himself.

Who are eager to do what is good.

It is good and right to give thanks to our God.

For his faithfulness and mercy are new to us every day.

Come, let us worship the Lord who made us and who saved us.

To his great name be glory, for his loving-kindness never fails.

597 Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597 st. 3

3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

We Give Thanks for the Keys, Confession, and Absolution

As we this day offer our thanksgiving and praise, let us reflect upon our many sins and confess them before our God and LORD, asking him to forgive us for the sake of Jesus, His Son:

“Lord, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.”

We come before you to confess our sins, including our ingratitude and lack of appreciation for all the blessings you have given us.

We confess to you, O Lord, that we have not given you thanks for all your generous blessings; nor have we shown gratitude or appreciation, but all too often we have grumbled and complained. For these sins and all our other wicked thoughts, words, and actions, we deserve to be punished. But we appeal to your mercy and ask you to forgive us for Jesus’ sake:

Silence for private confession

The LORD, our gracious Father has forgiven all our sins through the suffering and death of his one and only Son, Jesus; and with his resurrection from the dead he has given us the hope of everlasting life. God in His Word has declared:

“The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin.”

He also assures us:

“You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

Therefore, give thanks to God for our salvation! You are indeed forgiven – in the name of the Father, the Son + , and the Holy Spirit. Go forth in peace.

Amen. The LORD has indeed been good to us!

Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

We Give Thanks for Creation

Genesis 1:26–31a

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds

in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground— everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Psalm 105

Pastor reads the verses, the congregation sings CW 597 st. 1-2

**Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices.**

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices.**

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually. Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles and the judgments He uttered.

**Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way**

He who took the life of the firstborn in all of Egypt led Israel forth with silver and gold, and no one was left behind.

**With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

God hid them under a cloud and guided them by fire at night. He gave them food from heaven to satisfy their hunger, and opened a rock where water could rush out, like a river in the wilderness.

**Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our lives be near us.**

He remembered His sacred promises to His servant Abraham.

**With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us.**

So he led His chosen people out, and they sang and shouted for joy.

**And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed.**

The LORD gave them the land and everything else the nations had worked for, so that his people would obey His laws and keep His commandments.

**And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

We Give Thanks for Salvation

Galatians 3:26—4:7


²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

¹What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ²The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.


Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

We Give Thanks for God's Word

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and

careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

640 *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

CW 640

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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¹²Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.


²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

732 In Unity and Peace

CW 732 sts. Ref, 2

Refrain



How good it is and how pleas-ant to live in u-ni-ty and peace.



How good it is and how pleas-ant to live to-geth-er in one Lord.

(Last time only)



We Give Thanks for Government

Romans 13:1-7

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it

is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

774 God Bless Our Native Land

CW 774



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

We Give Thanks for Church

Hebrews 13:7-17

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp.

¹²And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

CW 896



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give the grace to you a -
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand to spread your Word o'er
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they
sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong to
hopes a - gain; and when suc - cess crowns what they do, O



go to share your liv - ing Word, the gos - pel mes - sage
heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver
keep them hum - ble. Lord. and true un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim that all may know your sav - ing name.
wind and wave, and might - y is your arm to save.
judg - ment seat they lay their tro - phies at your feet.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Pastor's Message

Philippians 4:6–7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Theme: *“Anti-Anxiety Medication”*

Response of Thanksgiving



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all the physical blessings we so often take for granted.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad. Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks to you for personal blessings:

Silent prayer

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Closing Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

623 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

CW 623 sts. 1–3



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -
3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.
he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Event

Thanks to everyone who donated items, who helped out, and who participated in our first ***Crusade for the Chili Crown*** on November 18th.

Pray for all the people we were able to meet and share the Gospel with as we enjoyed that fellowship together.

Advent By Candlelight

On December 2 we're hosting ***Advent By Candlelight*** here at Grace. Ladies – be sure to invite friends, family and neighbors! Please sign up if you're hosting a table / bring a treat to share / and be sure to RSVP with Rachel Halldorson if you can attend.

Bible Classes

Please take advantage of the Bible Classes now offered at Grace: Sunday morning 9 am / Wednesday afternoon 3 pm / the last Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Talk to pastor if you'd like to join in one of the current BIC courses as well.

Pastor is planning to start a new Bible class on **Revelation** to be held Thursdays at 6:00 pm. We're going to take a few weeks to promote it in our community and hopefully get some visitors to attend. We plan to begin the class on the last Thursday of the month, November 30 (the week after Thanksgiving).

Christmas 2023

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, therefore we'll have worship (and Bible class) in the morning at the normal times, and we won't be having a Christmas Eve service in the evening.

On Christmas Day we'll have our worship at 11:00 am and a potluck luncheon to follow.

A Look at our Church Library

On Giving Advice to God - Part 1 & 2

Wanting to strengthen your devotional life? Are you looking for something meaty that challenges your spiritual growth? "On Giving Advice to God" Parts 1 & 2 by Daniel Deuschlander is available in the church library for you to check out. Developing the theme "The Wisdom of God and the Foolishness of Man", the author reminds the reader how far God's wisdom goes beyond our human thoughts and understanding. Part 1 takes us from Advent through Ascension, following along the church year and the familiar accounts of Scripture we've come to anticipate year after year. The insights you are sure to gain will deepen your understanding and appreciation for God's wisdom and magnanimous love! Part 2 takes us through Pentecost and beyond. Once you get into it, you may even be tempted to buy a copy for your own personal library because you will want to come back to this again and again - one read through is not enough! It makes a great couples' devotion too, and offers plenty of discussion opportunities each time. Your devotional life will never be the same!

A Thanksgiving Message

Countries all over the world set aside a time of year specifically for thankfulness. Being thankful isn't confined to just Americans and Christians. Being thankful is not even regulated to only once a year! All people and cultures can be thankful, and all religions can express gratitude.

How and why can we as Christians celebrate Thanksgiving in a unique way motivated by distinctive reasons?

There's no doubt we have a lot to be thankful for in this land of plenty surrounded by abundance within the culture of our many freedoms! As Christians we are challenged to also be thankful in our hardships, struggles, and pain. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to cause you harm, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11.

We have even more to be grateful for than just lots of good food, the company of our family and friends, and the warmth of hearth and home. We have the assurance of God's love and forgiveness! We have the promise of everlasting life! We have comfort knowing that for all the times we've NOT been thankful to God, Jesus was perfectly thankful for us. "Then He took the seven loaves of bread and the fish, and when He had given thanks, He broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people." - Matthew 15:36.

We have EVERY reason to be thankful this Thanksgiving and every day. We can see Thanksgiving as an opportunity to not just feast over a perfectly roasted turkey shared with our loved ones, but also to feast on the Word of God which is active and powerful in the hearts of those that hear it. Make that your main dish at your table this year - that can never be overdone or dried out! Serve a side of prayer and a song of praise and "glorify Him with thanksgiving." - Psalm 69:30.

"Let the message of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:16,17

- R. Halldorson

Upcoming Schedule

Today	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Thanksgiving Worship
Nov. 22	3:00 pm	Genesis Bible Class
Nov. 23	all day	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 24	10:30 am	Parables Monthly Bible Study
Nov. 24	11:30 am	Men's and Women's Lunch Out
Nov. 26	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Worship + Communion
Nov. 26	11:00 am	Decorate the Fellowship Hall
Nov. 29	3:00 pm	Genesis Bible Class
Nov. 30	6:00 pm	Revelation Bible Class begins!
Dec. 2	3 – 4:30 pm	Advent By Candlelight
Dec. 3	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Advent 1 Worship
Dec. 3	11:00 am	Potluck and decorate Worship area
Dec. 6	3:00 pm	Genesis Bible Class
Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Revelation Bible Class
Dec. 7	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
Dec. 10	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Worship + Communion
Dec. 10	11:00 am	Council / Ladies of Grace

