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## THANKSGIVING EVE

Thank you for joining us for worship this evening.
Please silence your cell phone as we worship together in God's House.

## **☆** In Nomine Jesu **☆**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God LSB 895

#### Invocation

- ightharpoonspice In the name of the Father, and of the ightharpoonspice Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **Responsive Reading**

- **P** This is the day which the Lord has made:
- **Q** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- The name of the Lord is to be praised.

#### Psalm 100

(sung responses - We Praise You, O God LSB 785)

P Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

(sing) 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.

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

(sing) We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; Through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win. P For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

(sing) With voices united our praises we offerAnd 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!

- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P 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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, You show us mercy every morning and provide for every need of body and soul. Grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may in faith acknowledge Your merciful goodness to us, giving thanks for all that You provide, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- Amen.

Choir Anthem "God of Heaven"

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 41:37-42:2

This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven

plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do."

So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

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

Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed / First Article and Explanation

- P I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
  What does this mean?
- I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## **Sermon Hymn**

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings LSB 782

#### Sermon

**Offering** (Once you have placed your offering in the plate, if you brought canned goods for the Elyria Hospitality Center, you may bring them up to the Altar.)

## **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

(Silence for personal petitions of thanksgiving)

- P We pray for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. We give You thanks,
- **@** We thank You, Lord.
- P For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, We give You thanks,
- **@** We thank You, Lord.
- P For the plentiful bounty of Your harvest and make us wise stewards and managers of such rich gifts. We give You thanks,
- **©** We thank You, Lord.
- P For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, we give You thanks.
- **@** We thank You, Lord.
- P For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, we give You thanks,
- **©** We thank You, Lord.
- P For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, we give You thanks,
- **G** We thank You, Lord.

- P For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, We give You thanks.
- **G** We thank You, Lord.
- P For the communion of saints, in all times and places, we give You thanks,
- **W**e thank You, Lord.
- P For You bring healing and grace to all the sick, those who suffer, the dying, and the grieving that they may find hope and strength, relief, and peace in You. We give You thanks.
- **W**e thank You, Lord.
- P Above all, we give You thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To Him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### The Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus LSB 813

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king;. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore; The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our

Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

#### **G** Amen

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **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 Words of Our Lord

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei Tune: LSB 906 "Ellacombe"

O Lamb of God, have mercy, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer You take away our sins, Lord, the heavy burden bear. O Lamb of God, have mercy, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer And grant us peace forever, Your peace, Lord, let us share.

# **Distribution** YOU'RE INVITED TO HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

In Holy Communion we believe Jesus gives us His real presence, in and with the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this forgiveness, which comes through faith, and we are strengthened in our personal faith and in our love for one another.

We invite to Holy Communion all who believe in Jesus as their Savior, are a baptized believer, have been instructed in the meaning of Holy Communion, and agree with these teachings.

If you have any questions, please speak with the Pastor.

As we eat and drink we remember our Lord's suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Both Common and individual cups are available. When using the individual cup, please place the empty cup in

the basket at either end of the communion rail. The non-alcoholic wine is red in color and is in the center of the tray. If the Common cup is used, please help the server by holding the base of the cup when you are served.

Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please speak to the Pastor if these wafers are needed.

If you are unable to attend communion, due to health/physical limitations, please inform an usher and we will gladly serve you by bringing communion to you.

#### **Distribution Music**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P We give thanks to you, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **G** Amen.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 

→ give you peace.

Amen

## **Closing Hymn**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come LSB 892

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

## → Soli Deo Gloria →

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