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Thanksgiving Eve Worship November 23, 2022

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Greeting

We gather with thanksgiving in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of life.

Thanks for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and son, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The Celebration

Opening Song “Come, You Thankful People, Come” #407

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my Soul. O Lord, my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

People go out to their work and to their labor until evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up,

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Song of Praise "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" (twice) # 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."
⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

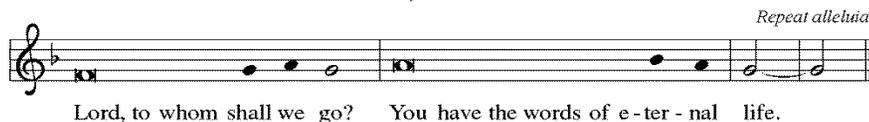
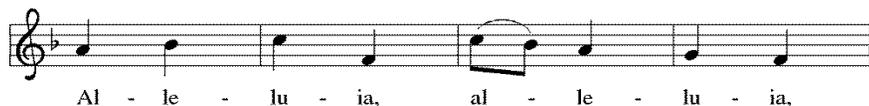
Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry 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, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Lesson

John 6:25-35

The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is that bread of life.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

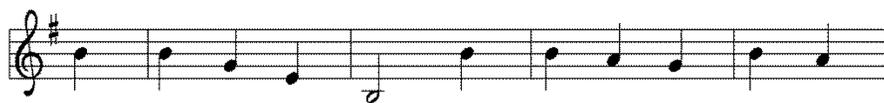
Message

Pastor Randy Baldwin

Our Gifts Are Lifted Up

Song of the Day

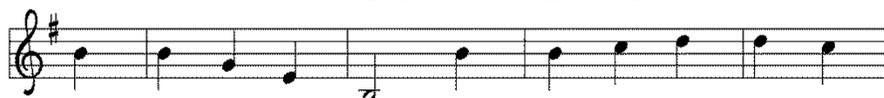
“Oh, Sing to the Lord”



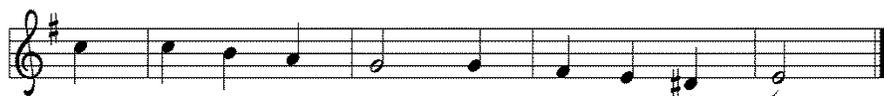
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 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

...For these blessings, **We give you thanks Lord.**

Offering

The offering is designated to "Lutheran Disaster Relief"

Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#534

The Bread of Life

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The 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.**

Communion Distribution

Communion Distribution Song

"How Great Thou Art"

#532

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you peace.

***Three-fold Amen**

Closing Song "Shout to the Lord" (Twice) **ELW #821 p. 11**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord..

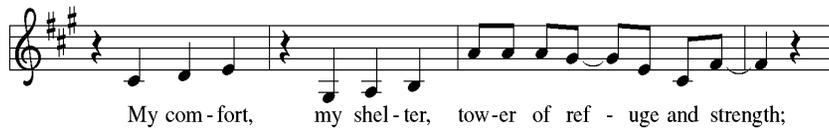
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Postlude

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Shout to the Lord



Thanksgiving for Ordination Anniversary

{Pastor Bill, Bishop Jones and Pastor Randy come forward to altar.}

Pastor Randy:

On this evening when we are giving thanks and praise to God for the many blessings God has lovingly chosen to bestow upon us, we give thanks for Pastor Bill and his ministry as we remember the 35th Anniversary of his Ordination. Pastor Bill we give thanks for your ministry and leadership in our One in Christ Parish. We give thanks for your study of scripture and your teaching ministry as you lead Bible Studies, teach confirmation, share your wisdom and understanding at text studies. We give thanks for your compassion, always willing to take time to listen, to pray for another, to walk alongside someone. We give thanks for bringing comfort, hope as you walk alongside those grieving a loved one, leading them through the grieving process, putting together a funeral service and a funeral sermon. We give thanks for celebrating the joy of a new life and new life in Christ through baptisms, celebrating a new family as you officiate at a wedding leading a couple through their wedding vows. We give thanks for your leadership in our Synod, serving as a Dean. We give thanks for your leadership in our community, bringing our Lord's love into the midst of our community. We give thanks for your ministry of word and sacrament. We give thanks for your roles as a servant of Christ, as a husband, as a Father, as a grandfather, brother, and friend.

Bishop Kevin Jones:

I ask the family members of Pastor Bill come forward to lay your hands upon him for a blessing.

We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament, especially for Past Bill Peters, and we pray that he may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. Grant that we with, Pastor Bill, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor Bill, on behalf of the Northeastern Iowa Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I present you this certificate of honoring the 35th Anniversary of your Ordination. We thank you for your ministry and leadership in our Synod and for the ELCA.

Pastor Randy: We ask that our One in Christ Parish President come forward.

President Becky Martinson:

Pastor Bill, we give you this present on behalf of the whole One In Christ Lutheran Parish in appreciation of your ministry and in honor of your 35th Anniversary of your Ordination. We are glad you are one of our Pastors and look forward to more years of you leading us. {Applause!}

Sharing of the Peace