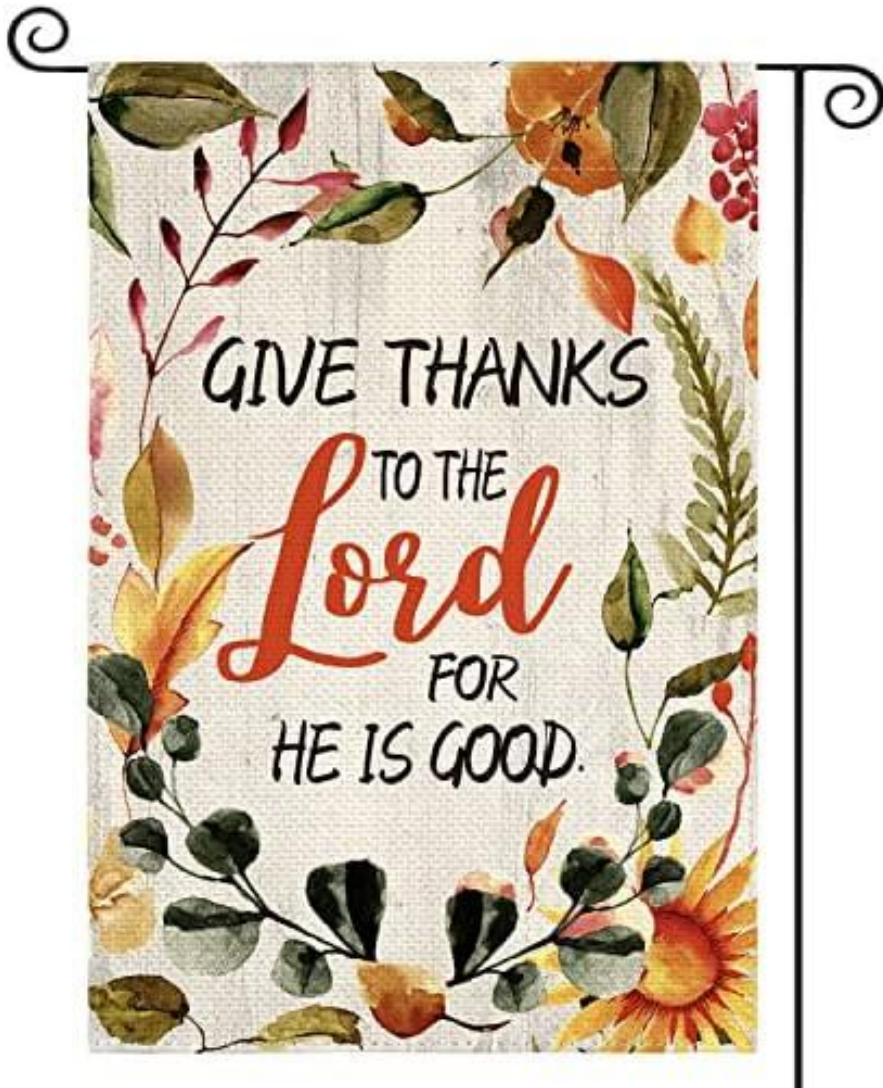


St. John's Lutheran Church and School



WELCOME - TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER!

For baptized Christians (Matthew 28:19) who have been instructed in the faith (Galatians 6:6), The Lord's Supper is our participation in the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16), as the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17), to receive forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28) and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So that those who partake of the Lord's Supper do so in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27) and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:29), let us each examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28):

- Do you believe that you are a sinner? That you have sinned in thought, word and deed?
- Are you sorry for your sin?
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness of sin through His Supper?
- Do you believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- Do you seek to lead godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Please speak to a pastor or usher if you have questions. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is provided in the center of each communion tray. Those who are not communing may come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship on a National Day of Thanksgiving, we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

Recognizing that we are all pilgrims on earth, we are all the more amazed at God's providential kindness – that life in so temporary a state should abound with so great a store! May your gratitude today overflow with humble, heartfelt thanks. Welcome to Thanksgiving at St. John's congregation.

Prelude

Welcome

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THE THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Reader:

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forest to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has spared us from pestilence and disease and has granted us freedom to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye pilgrims, with your little ones, do gather at ye meeting house... and there listen to ye pastor and render thanks to ye Almighty God for His blessings. (William Bradford, Governor, Plymouth Colony, 1623.)

RESPONSE

P: Pilgrims all, let us give thanks.

C: **We will name our blessings before the Lord, and in everything we will give thanks.**

INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins.

C: **We confess, Almighty God, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have taken for granted our manifold blessings. We have been slow to offer thanks and have often been blind to the simple gifts that so enhance our lives. We beg Your forgiveness for the sake of Your greatest Gift, even Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whose atoning work on earth has given us pilgrims on earth a sure and certain home in heaven. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

P: As pilgrims of old, we are on our way to Paradise. By God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Therefore, pilgrims, rejoice and give thanks. Our commonwealth is in heaven. Yet even here on earth we are blessed by God's provision and care.

C: **Amen.**

Sit

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Rise for verse 7

1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom

thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

Grant us, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your glory and grace, give thanks for all Your blessings, and serve You in willing obedience;

C: **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

R: The Old Testament Reading is from the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy

“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^[a] 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us,

C: **that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.**

P: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

C: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples
Justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Refrain

P: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

C: **Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

P: God will bless us.

C: **And all the ends of the earth will fear Him.**

Refrain

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.

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EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-4

R: The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of First Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

952 Alleluia – II



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GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel is from the seventeenth chapter of St. Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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,^[a] 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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Spoken antiphonally between the left and right sides the congregation

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED

Left: I believe that God has made me and all creatures;

Right: that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all senses, and still takes care of them.

Left: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

Right: He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

Left: He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

Right: All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

All: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

894 For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
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 sleep-ing,
world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

"Thanksgiving: A Day to Fast or Feast?"

Nehemiah 7:73b – 8:4a,5-6,8-12

Pastor Weidler

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Abounding in extravagant grace, our Heavenly Father showers us with blessings and remains ever constant in hearing and responding to our prayers. Let us pray on this Thanksgiving Day for the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed.

C: **Transform our gratitude into humble service, O Lord.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation that we who serve as its managers and caretakers may be diligent in our use and preservation of its resources.

C: **Make us to be wise stewards, O Lord.**

P: Let us pray for all who have much that they may willingly share their bounty with those who have little.

C: **Teach us generous and sacrificial giving, O Lord.**

P: Let us pray for the sick and the recovering, (especially)
that they may know the healing, comfort, and strength of Christ's presence and respond with grateful prayers.

C: **Strengthen the weak, heal the infirm, and comfort those in pain, O Lord.**

P: Let us pray for those who are away from loved ones, serving in the armed forces or attending schools away from home, and for those separated from us this day by duty and responsibility.

C: **Unite us with them and with all Your saints in light, O Lord, in a common doxology of praise and thanksgiving.**

(Other petitions may be added here)

P: Finally let us pray for the nation we love that God in His providence would confirm and strengthen among us the values that we cherish and for which we give thanks this day:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

MATERNA



1. O beau - ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
3. O beau - ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4. O beau - ti-ful for pa - triot dream That sees be-yond the years



1. For pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit-ed plain!
2. A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A - cross the wil - der-ness!
3. Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
4. Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu - man tears!



1. A - mer - i-ca! A - mer - i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
2. A - mer - i-ca! A - mer - i-ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
3. A - mer - i-ca! A - mer - i-ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
4. A - mer - i-ca! A - mer - i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,



1. And crown thy good with broth - er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.
2. Con - firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
3. Till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
4. And crown thy good with broth - er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

Text: CMD; Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929. Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903.

Sit

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Lord of All, We Give Thanks”

Claudio Monteverdi, arr. K. Lee Scott

Stand

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

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PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

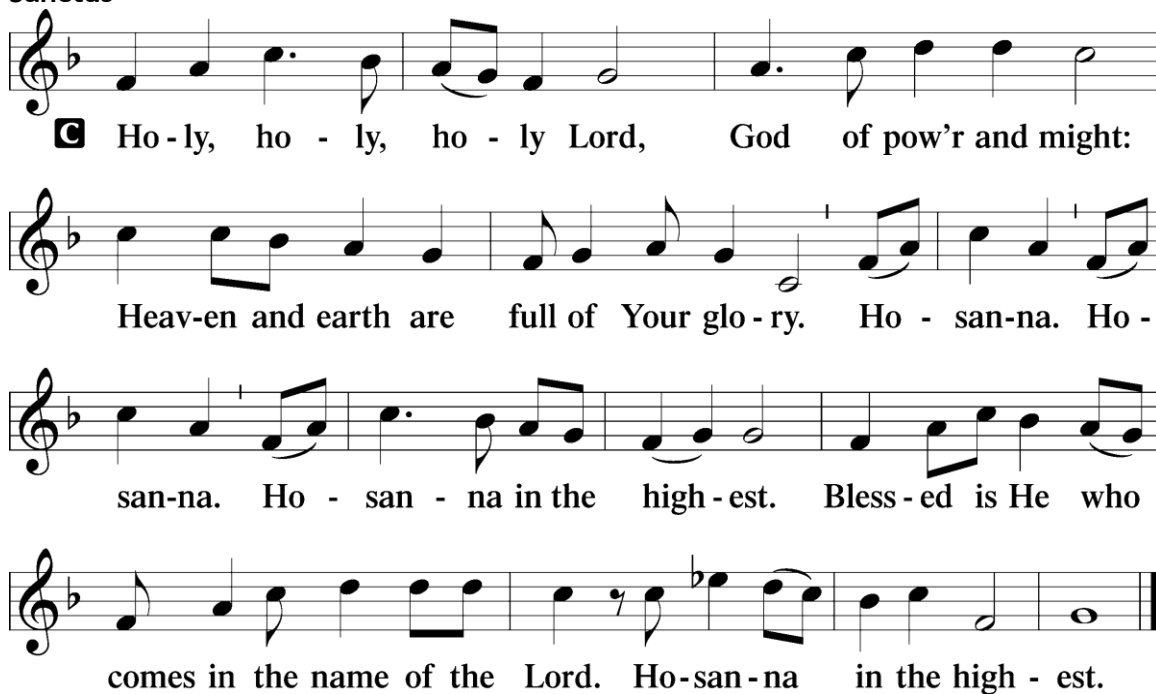
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is our duty and joy to thank and praise, to serve and obey You, Almighty God, everlasting Father. You provide for all living things, sustaining Your creation in love. For all the works of Your hands, especially Your fulfilled plan for our salvation in Jesus Christ, we give You thanks. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C. **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.**

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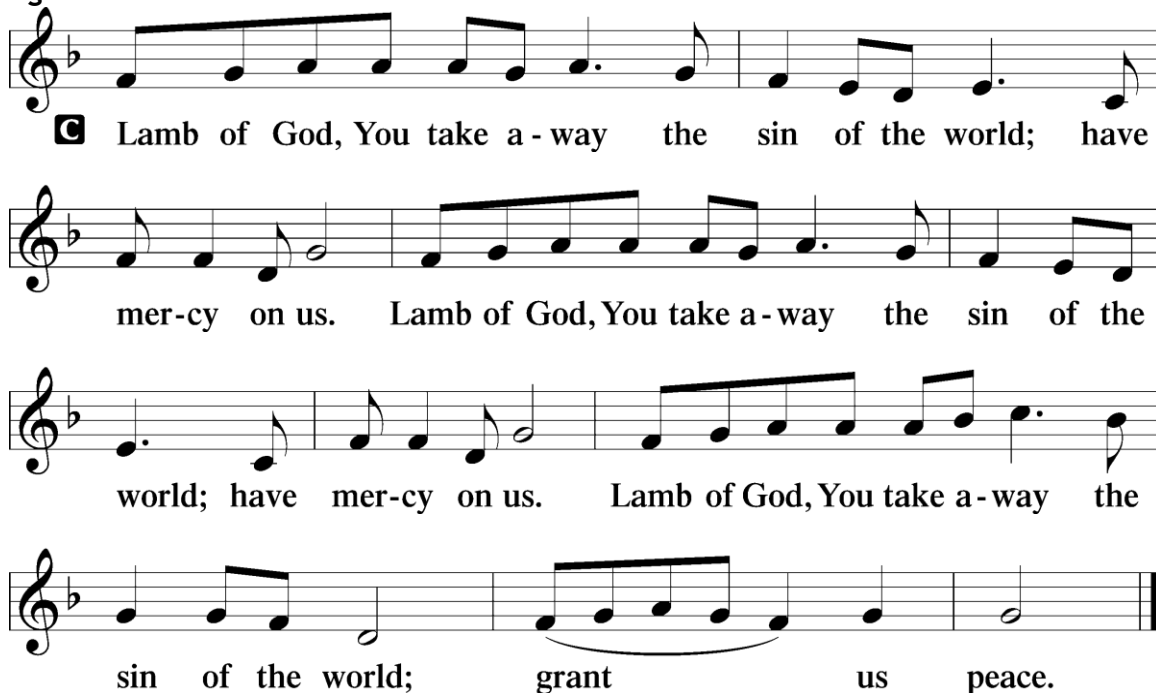
PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

All may greet each other with the words "The peace of the Lord be with you!"

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

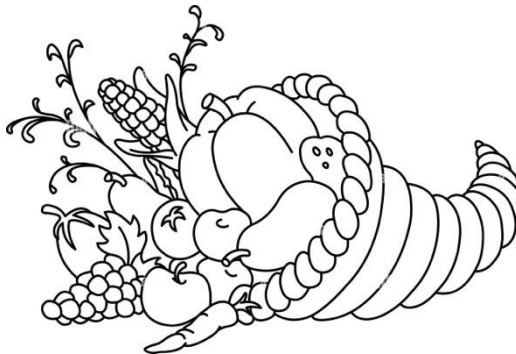


We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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Thank the Lord



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-calls 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.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

C: **And His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Let us pray: We give You thanks, Almighty God, that in this Eucharist You have once again graced us with both pardon and peace. Once again You have forgiven our sins and assured us of eternal life and salvation. Now, as we continue our pilgrimage on earth, we offer our lives in grateful response to Your amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Make of us living testimonies to Your love that others may come to know Your love in Your Son;

C: **through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



The musical notation is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated to fit the rhythm. The first staff has two lines of lyrics, the second staff has two lines, and the third staff has two lines.

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of our God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Liturgist: Rev. Mark Stapleton

Trumpeter: Mr. Mark Olen

Director of Music: Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst

Mission Notes:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)

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BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

WOMENS' SMALL GROUP

GRIEFSHARE

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

PICKLEBALL

BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

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Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)

Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)

Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm

Sundays, 6PM, Offsite

Mondays, 7PM, Zoom

Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm

Tuesdays beginning September 26, 1:00 – 2:30PM, Heritage Rm

Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm

Wednesdays, 7PM, 2nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm

Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm

Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym

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