

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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**Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.**

**Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month & Festivals**

**Christian Education: Sunday’s at 10:15 A.M.**

**Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible**

# *Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.**



**Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?**

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**SILENT MEDITATION.** . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

*Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.*

## Our Church Staff

**Pastor:** Vacant – in Call Process

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. Robert Jones

## 2021 Council Members

Grant Allen

Bill Below

Terry Fouts

Chris Kinsley Sr.

Nicole Kresge

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Beth Werkheiser

Leanna Wickline

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*We welcome Pastor Bill Thompson and thank him for leading us in worship this morning!*

# Worship Service

## Service of Thanksgiving

### Christ the King Sunday

## Sunday, November 21, 2021

*Words in bold print denote congregational response.*

*\*Please Stand, if you are able.*

### Prelude

### Announcements

#### **\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **\*Confession**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need.**

**Amen.**

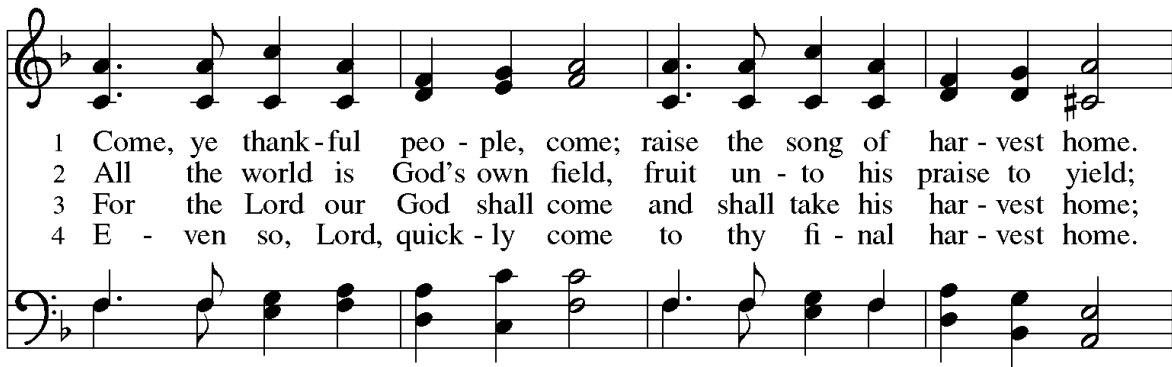
#### **\*Absolution**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

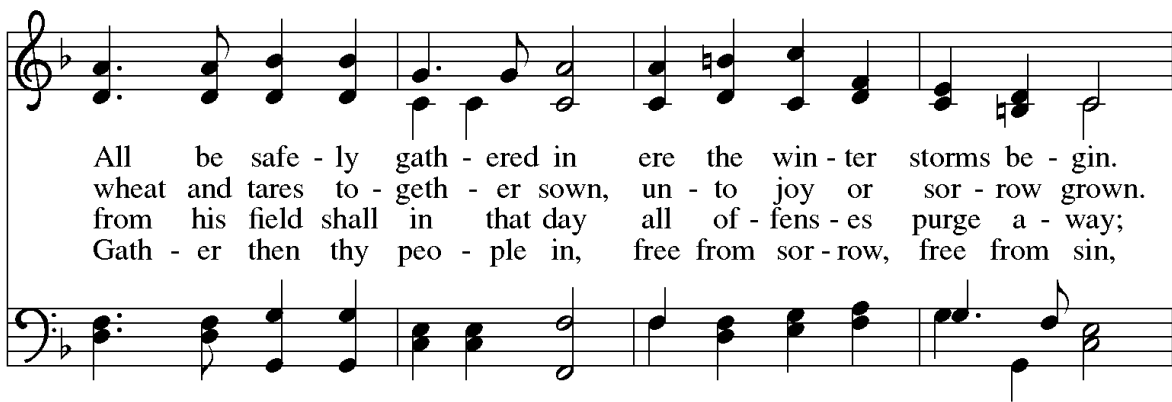
**Amen.**

\*Hymn

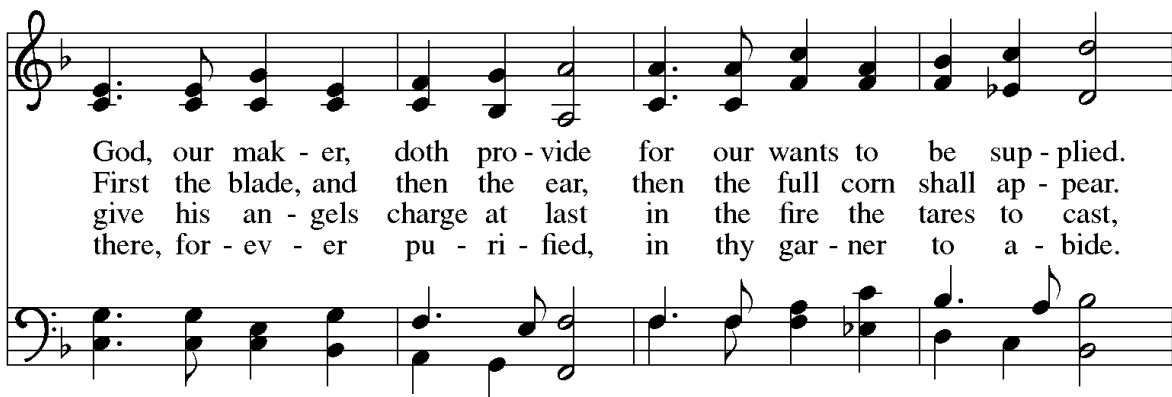
# Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



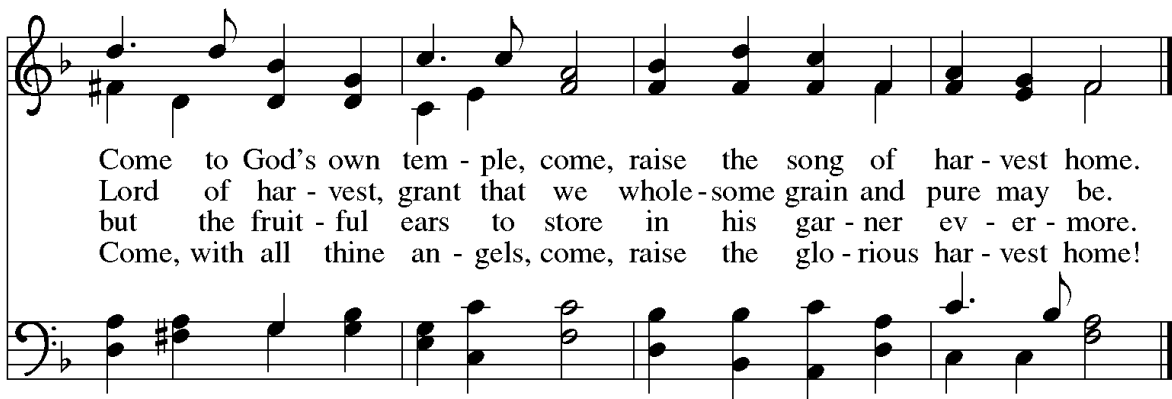
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



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 then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

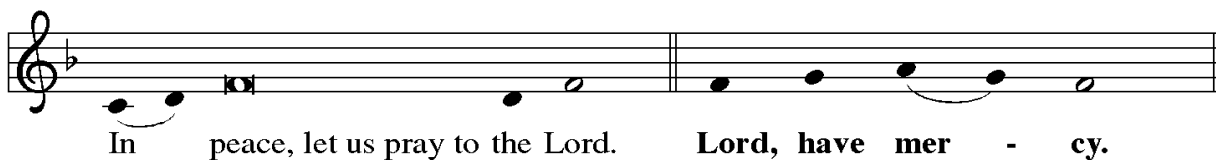


God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

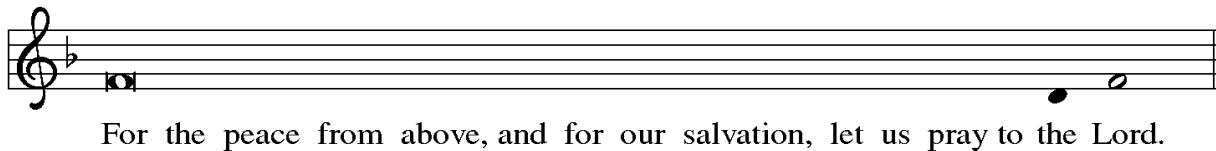


Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

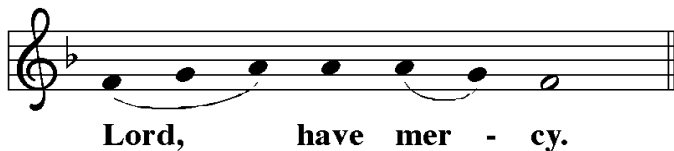
**\*Kyrie**



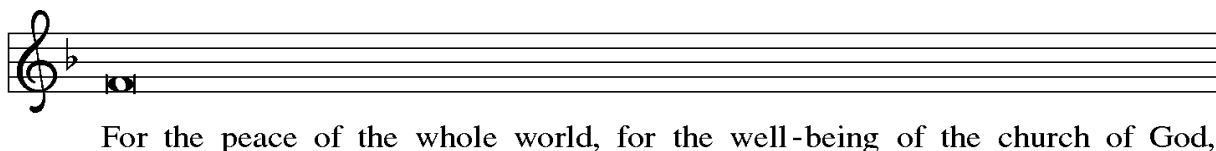
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



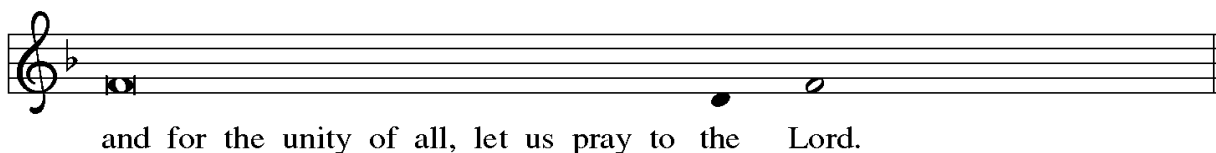
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



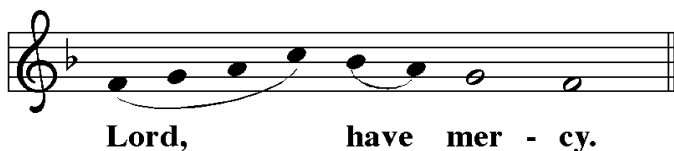
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



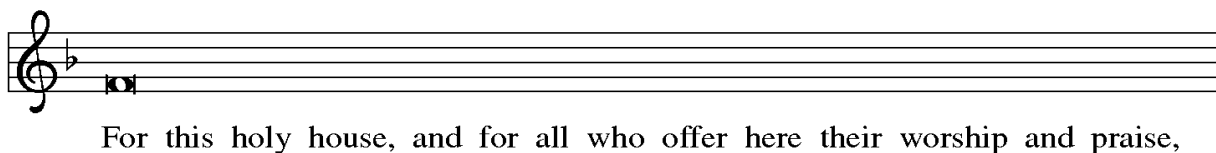
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



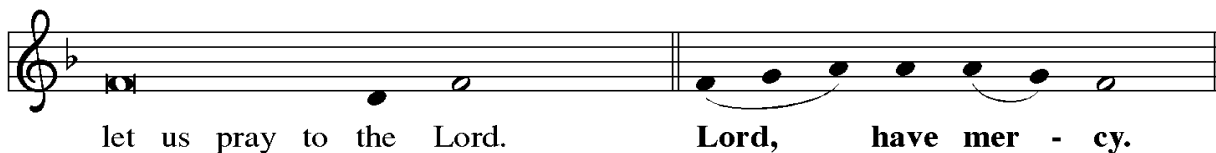
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



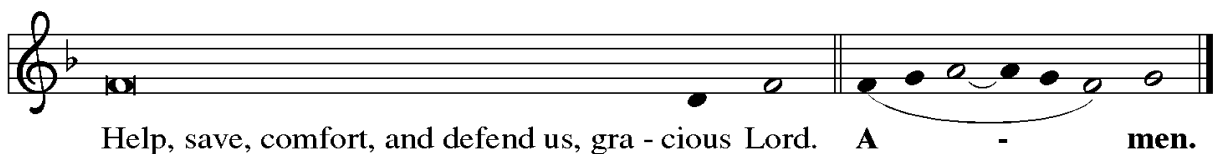
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

## **First Reading: Joel 2:21-27**

*The prophet Joel understood that a locust plague that ravaged the land of Judah was God's judgment on the people, whom he then called to repentance. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a time when God will bless the land and cause it to produce food in abundance.*

<sup>21</sup>Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! <sup>22</sup>Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

<sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup>The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

## Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

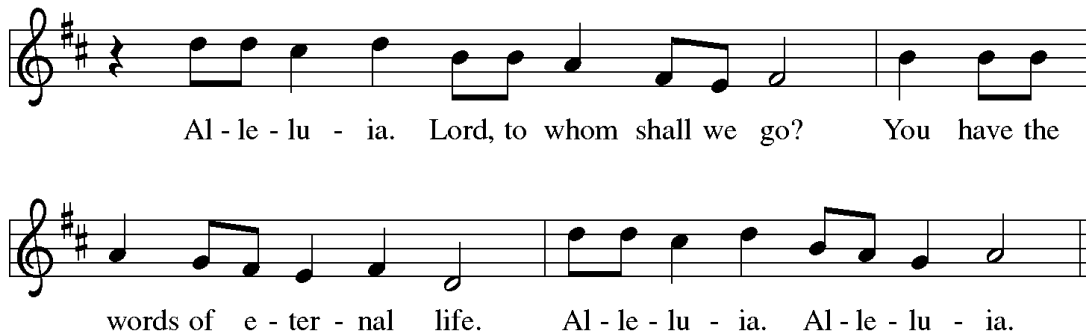
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



# Sermon - Pastor Bill Thompson - "Worry or Gratitude?"

## \*Hymn of the Day

### We Praise You, O God



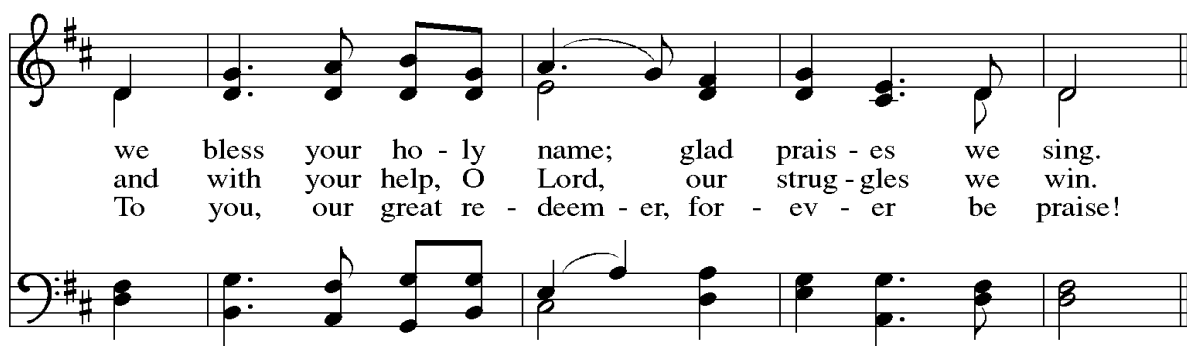
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



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!

### **\*The 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 Intercession**

God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, you give all people a place at the table. Nurture and encourage campus ministries, new congregations, and workplace chaplaincies. Support all parts of the church that meet people where they are and offer accompaniment through daily challenges and joys. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give nourishment to the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Sustain all creatures who rely on the earth for sustenance. Water parched ground, dry flooded fields, temper heat waves and frosts, and give sunlight and shade. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God, you give wisdom to your people. Enlighten all leaders. Inspire and guide our president, our governor, our local leaders, and all who represent us in our government. Give them patience and perspective to choose wisely for our common good. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God, you give nourishment to those who hunger. Bring poverty and food insecurity to an end. Give dignity and adequate employment to those who are unemployed and underemployed. Sustain us all at your welcoming banquet of love and justice. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God, you give community to those who are lonely. Be with our biological families, our chosen families, and our church family as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your compassionate presence to those who are lonely, those who are separated or estranged from their families, and those whose loved ones have died. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

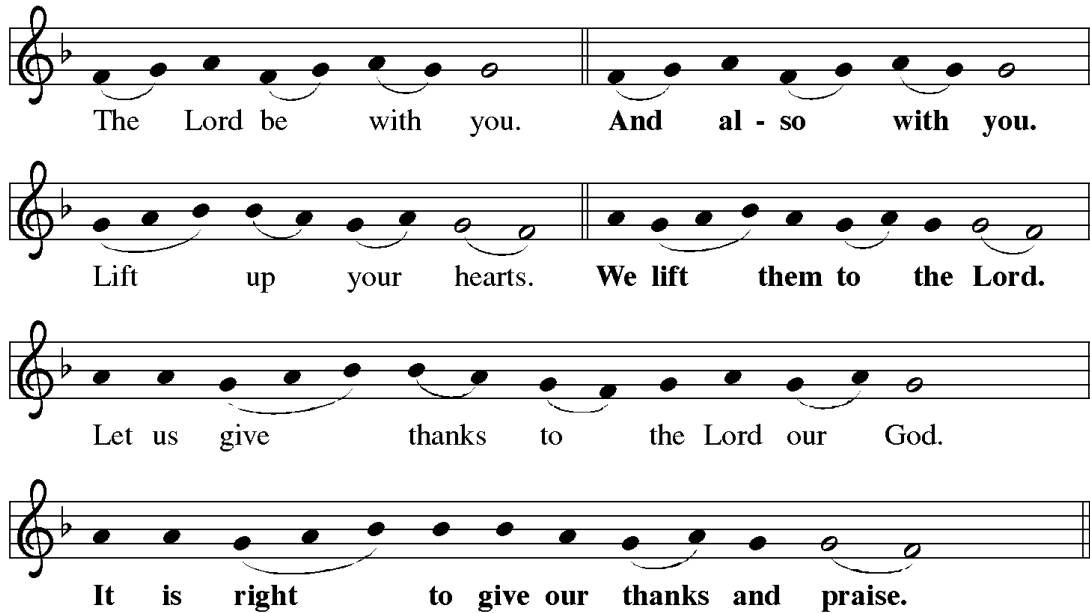
God, you give a feast of endless thanksgiving. We are grateful for the saints gathered at your table who have gone before us (*especially*). Unite us with them whenever we give thanks to you. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.

**Amen.**

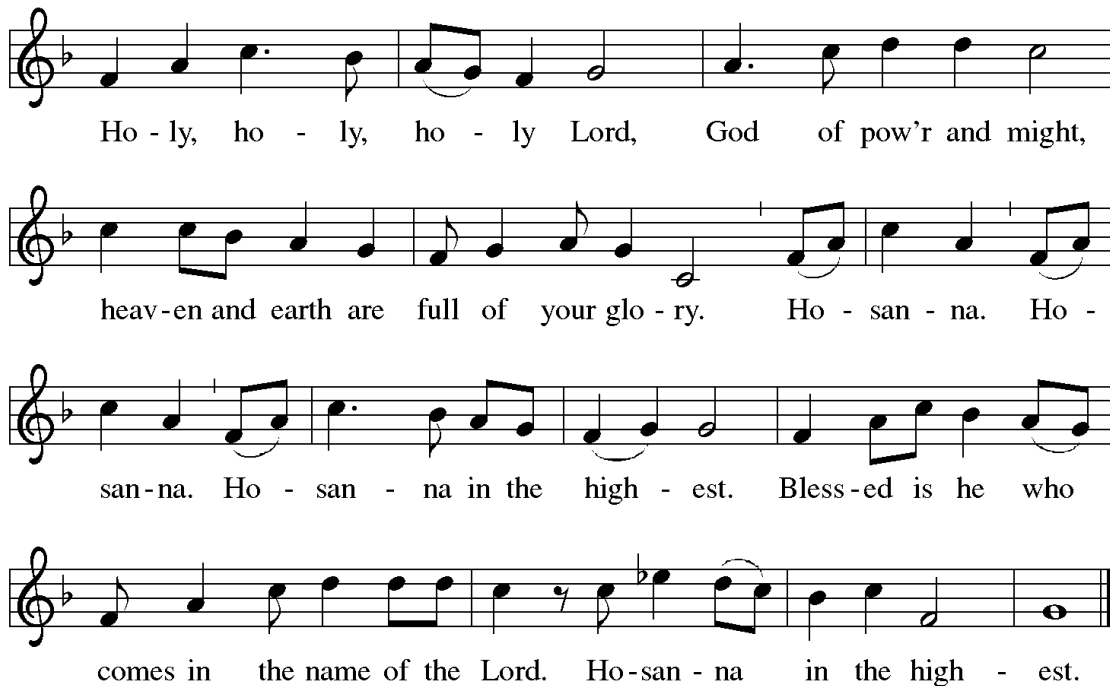
**\*The Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*Proper Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**



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.

**\*Words of Institution**

## 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

## Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## \*Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## \*Post Communion Canticle (First verse only)

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

#### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LENSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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## \*Prayer After Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*Sending Hymn

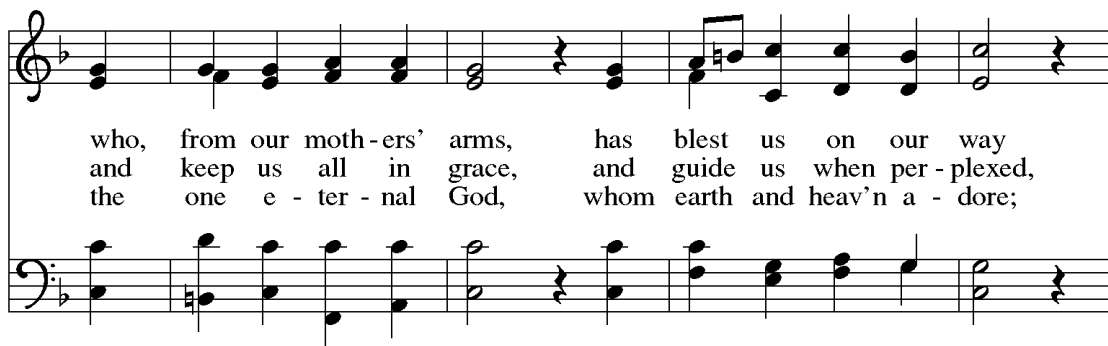
## Now Thank We All Our God




1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

**\*Choral Benediction – Chancel Choir *Bless This House* – M. Brahe**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**"The worship ends. . .the service begins."**

**Postlude**

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**Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...**

Sharen Ace; Msgt. William F. Allen; Private William "Blake" Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Wynne Below; Nancy Besecker; Diane Berner; Dillon Berenti; Cptn. Matthew Blessing; David Brong; Vicki Burnett; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; Jacob Cubetta; Todd Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Dee DeAngelo; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Paul Fancher; Jamie Fisher & Family, on loss of son; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; the Greg Gill family at the passing of his father; Barry Hartshorn; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Tiffany Johnson; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Mason & Addison Kapun; Richard Kernan; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Dawne Ladeas; Joeann Lance; Esther Laurito; Ken & Crystal Lemansky; David Leith; James Meckes; Margaret & Tom Miller; Sue Neumann; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Shirley Pensyl; Sandy Richards; Joan Rinker; Norm Rinker; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gloria Russell; Jack Russell; Claudette Segear; Lynn Seip; Vaughn and Phyllis Sensinger; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Kamia Taylor; Greg Theadford; Alice & Harry Weaver; Dan Wickline; Leanna Wickline; Kelly Wickline; John Woodling; Charles Zuccarelli; Fran Zuccarelli; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the families of those killed and wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.



***Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry!*** Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. **Items of particular need are peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, rice, soups, kidney and baked beans, noodles, pasta (elbows, rotini, etc.) canned potatoes & canned spaghetti.** ***Our Food Pantry remains open, although it is functioning as a curb-side service. This limits the contact to others and protects our food pantry staff and our building while still***

***servicing the needs of those in need.***



Don't forget to put St. Paul Lutheran Church Tannersville as your charity before checking out on Amazon. They will send us 1% of your purchase.

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### **Adult Sunday School**

Today the Adult Sunday School class will begin the third unit in the study "One Nation Under God – Healing the Racial Divides in Our Country." The title of this lesson is "Who is my Neighbor?" Last week we discussed the fact that "Satan is driving the racial division in our country. He seeks to stir suspicion, hatred, and mistrust to thwart the Church's effort to share God's love and peace through Christ." This lesson reminds us that our neighbor is not just people who are like us and to "recognize our tendency to lay out sides of "us" against "them." "But Jesus wants to expand our definition of neighbor to every human – the only real 'them' is Satan and his angels." This will be an opportunity to learn from God's Word the way to tear down the racial walls dividing our country as fellow Christians. Please join your fellow worshippers in gaining and sharing insight about living as a Christian, especially when it's difficult.

### **The Forgiveness Challenge**

The start date for the Forgiveness Challenge is delayed to allow the material to be received and the Adult Sunday School Class to complete their series titled "One Nation Under God – Healing the Racial Divide in Our Country".

### **Mini Concert**

There will be a Mini Christmas Concert immediately following the Worship Service Sunday, December 5 arranged By Kelly Scheer and performed by Kelly Scheer and friends. Thank you, Kelly for blessing us with your musical talents and those of your friends also!

## Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, November 28	9:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Worship Pastor Dan Baugess
Sunday, December 5	9:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Worship & Communion Pastor Bill Thompson
	10:30am	Mini Christmas Concert	
Sunday, December 12	9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Worship Pastor Rashion Santiago's first Sunday
Wednesday, December 15	4:30 – 6:00pm		Christ's Café
Sunday, December 19	9:00am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Worship
Friday, December 24			Christmas Eve