

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 23, 2022



GATHER

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

God has called us here.

We gather to give thanks for all God's blessings.

God has called us here.

We come to hear God's word of compassion, justice, promise and peace.

God has called us here.

To be empowered and sent to serve a world in need.

Gathering Song

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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, you 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. You 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." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you 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. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The 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; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

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

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Gospel Verse



Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, 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 made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

Praise to you, O Christ

Reflections

Rev. Richard Rollefson

Song of Response

Harvest of Justice



1. May we find rich - ness in the har - vest of
2. Gath - er with pa - tience for those who have
3. For to have mer - cy on those for -
4. For to have lit - tle is to be in a -



jus - tice which Christ Je - sus
noth - ing Leave them your rich - es,
got - ten, this is my true law,
bun - dance. To give what re - mains,



has rip - ened for us. Bread for the
and you will re - ceive. Make room for the
this is my com - mand: Clothe the
to give all we have, is to walk with the



jour - ney, bread for the hun - gry,
poor ones, make way for the stran - ger; for
na - ked, be home for the or - phan, be
poor ones, and be come the stran - ger,



all for the glo - ry and praise of God.
I am the Lord, the Lord your God.
hope for the wid - ow, and wel - come the lost.
one with the Lord, the Lord our God.

Affirmation of Faith

*We know that bread comes from grain growing in earth and water,
and a farmer's perspiration and wisdom help.*

*We believe that bread comes from love;
the loving providence of God,
the loving care of the farmer,
the loving skill of the baker's hands
the loving generosity of those who share it.*

*We believe that bread should be shared
and given to all people
until they have enough
and then some.*

*We believe that Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it,
and the disciples had more than enough.
And he commanded them to feed the world.*

*We believe that Christ's body as bread feeds us
and that as a part of Christ's body
we can be bread for others.*

Prayers of the People/ Litany of Thanks

Let us give thanks to God for ballot boxes, newspaper editorials, and open borders.

For all the freedoms we enjoy.

Let us give thanks for diplomats, treaties, and compromise.

For peace in a world of war.

Let us give thanks to God for police officers, streetlights, and concerned neighbors.

For safety from fear and harm.

Let us give thanks to God for St. Paul and Priscilla, St. Francis and St. Claire, Martin Luther, Martin Luther King, and Mother Theresa.

For all the faithful who ran the race before us.

Let us give thanks to God for the Scriptures, for creeds and confessions, for the songs and hymns of God's people.

For all good things in our heritage of faith.

Let us give thanks to God for a good creation, a redeeming Son, and a transforming Spirit.

For all the benefits of our salvation.

Let us give thanks to God for purple and orange sunsets, bright red flowers, great gray elephants, and the vast blackness of space.

For all the wonders, God, of your creative mind.

Let us give thanks to God for Mozart, Michelangelo, and Milton, for pianos, paint brushes, and pencils.

For all the wonders of our creative minds, made in your image, O Lord.

Let us give thanks to God for Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

For the abundance of food that sustains our bodies.

Let us give thanks to God for soft beds, warm fires, familiar chairs, and open windows.

For the abundant comfort of our homes.

Let us give thanks to God for cars that run, brand-new sneakers, and long, hot showers.

For God's goodness that flows above and beyond our needs.

Let us give thanks to God for aggressive immune systems, for running cross-country, and for sound sleep,

For the strength and health of our bodies.

Let us give thanks to God for crossword puzzles, learning foreign languages, and plane geometry.

For healthy, strong minds.

Let us give thanks to God for pesky little brothers, wise grandmothers, favorite uncles, loving parents, and fresh fiancées.

For the families that shaped our lives.

Let us give thanks to God for surprise phone calls, funny birthday gifts, and long talks late at night.

For friends who stick with us as the years go by.

Let us give thanks to God for men and women with dark skin and light skin, freckles and curls, pug noses and beards, graceful limbs and ample laps.

For all the beautiful diversity of people, all over the world, who make up the one family of God, bound together in Jesus Christ.

(adapted from a litany by Debra Rienstra and Ron Rienstra)

The Peace

MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Song

Here is Bread

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Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here

Refrain: In this bread, there is healing
In this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. **Refrain**

Here we are, joined in on
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim, till he comes
Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

SENDING

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
+ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

Sending Song

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the poor.
Thanks be to God.

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