

Thanksgiving Eve, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Zoom Service 7:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Gathering Time

### Announcements

### A Thanksgiving Psalm: Psalm 100 by Eugene Peterson, The Message translation

<sup>1-2</sup> On your feet now—applaud God!

Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing yourselves into his presence.

<sup>3</sup> Know this: God is God, and God, God.

He made us; we didn't make him.  
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

<sup>4</sup> Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.  
Thank him. Worship him.

<sup>5</sup> For God is sheer beauty,

all-generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.

**Amen!**

### Opening Prayer

On this Thanksgiving Eve, as we come together to celebrate as a household of faith the gifts of harvest home, we pray:

**Gather us in, O God.**

For attention to your presence, for this time of thanksgiving and praise, we pray:

**Gather us in, O God.**

For this community, for this time of remembering, sharing and reflection, we pray:

**Gather us in, O God.**

We gather on traditional homelands  
of the people of the Council of Three Fires:  
the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa  
and the Menominee, Miami and Ho-Chunk nations.

A site of trade, travel, gathering and healing  
for thousands of years before their forced removal.

The land still continues to hold ancestral stories and wisdom.

We honor and thank the elders of these nations past and present.

We celebrate the over 100,000 tribal members living in the state of Illinois,  
their contributions to this nation, and the shared story of this land.

Gathering, remembering, and honoring,

**Let us sing ourselves into God's presence.**

HYMN: Come Ye Thankful People Come, ELW 693

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!

### **Reading from Acts 2:42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### **Reading from Luke 17:11-19**

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 Jesus 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 Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

### **Table Talk**

#### **Meditation and Community Reflections on Scripture and Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

L1: Let us return to God today with thanksgiving:

L1: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God!**

L2: For human life, talking and moving, thinking and reconciling together; for common hopes and for banding together during hardships, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God!**

L1: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor and volunteering; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God!**

L2: For friendships, partners, and marriages; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God!**

L1: For families – both the ones we are given and the ones we choose; for living and eating, playing and homemaking, those with us and those with the Lord, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God!**

L2: For children, with their energy, curiosity, and startling frankness; for the young and their high hopes, their honesty about worn-out values and their search for freedom, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God!**

L1: For growing up and growing old, with wisdom deepened by experience and for time made precious by its passing, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God**

L2: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow, anger and injustices; for healing our diseases and preserving us in temptation and danger, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God.**

L1: For all who are in a time of tumult, for those suffering this year from natural disasters and war and all that leaves not one stone upon another. For those suffering from grief, illness, pain and disease, for those underemployed and those overemployed and for all whose everyday lives are turned upside down by this covid crisis. For those on our prayer list and for these we name aloud or in our hearts before you (*brief pause*)

and for your clear and near presence with us in these struggles, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God.**

L2: For this community, for all of us as leaders, for the good news we receive and share in the Word, for the fact that we are here and that we have a word to share that is life-giving to the world, and for our life together in the Lord, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God**

L1: Let us give thanks for any other things for which we wish to bless God today.

*Time is given for prayers aloud or silently*

L2: Let us bring before God those things for which we hold concern and for those things we hope to be giving thanks for next year.

*Time is given for prayers aloud or silently*


P: Eternal God, for your everlasting love and goodness to us and for the joy of serving you, for your holy spirit which wells up in thankful hearts and praise, for your son Jesus, who lived and died and lives again and for our hope and future in Christ, in whose name we thank and praise you, we pray:

**C: Thank you, God. Amen!**

# HYMN: We Praise You O God ELW 870



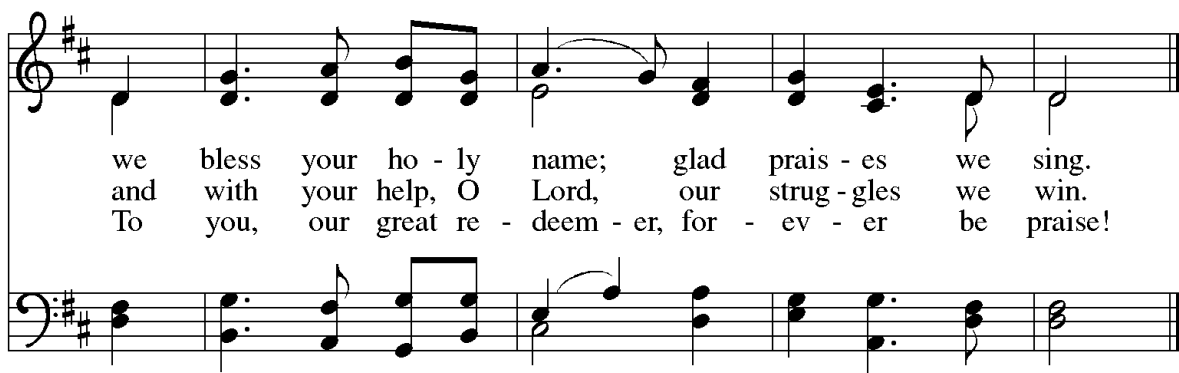
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



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!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

### **Thanksgiving Blessing and Sending from Colossians 3:15-17**

Let the peace of God, to which also you are called in one body, rule in your hearts.  
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another  
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Amen.**

### **Virtual “Pie Social”**

Stay awhile for some community time!