

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

A Service of Thanksgiving

Live stream worship service

Traditional Worship

November 25, 2020

Serving in Worship

Presiding: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Piano: John Benjamin

Cantor: Martha Armstrong-Benjamin

Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Drew Simon

Sound/Slides: Melonie June Warren

GATHER

PRELUDE: *We Gather Together/Count Your Blessings* arr. Brant Adams
Nick Hess, saxophone

PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY

OPENING 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GLORY GANG & CHERUB CHOIRS: *Sing a Song of Thanksgiving by McMahan & McBryde*
Sarah Richter, director

WORD

FIRST READING: *Joel 2:21-27*

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do 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. ²³O 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. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I 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. ²⁶You 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. ²⁷You 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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 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.
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.
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!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-33

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

²⁵"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?"

²⁶Look 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? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But 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?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Charlie Woodward

HYMN OF THE DAY: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1. Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise. With
2. God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the de - serts bloom and spring; the
3. Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave, the
joy - ful hearts and voi - ces your a - le - lu - ias raise. By
hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing. God
gol - den sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ came to save. Your
him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move; Sing
fills them with his full - ness all things with large in - crease. and
hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall, and
to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Tune: ELLACOMBE

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 PEOPLE *(after each petition...)*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God, who desires good for all creatures, satisfy our hunger not just for food, but for freedom, truth, justice and love.

O Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to us as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people. We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.

O Holy Spirit, bless our gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

SEND

BENEDICTION: *The Blessing by Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick
Praise Team*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living
arr. John Leavitt

Please take a few moments to share comments in the chat section and fellowship with each other after the service is completed. The livestream will continue for a few minutes to allow for your interaction.

Acknowledgment: The liturgy for today was written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the ELCA.

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