



First Lutheran Church
November 21, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dale Wood

KREMSER

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Gather Together

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make his deeds known to all the people!

C: **For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

P: Sing his praises; tell of his wonderful words, and glory in his holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

C: **For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

P: Search for God, and for his strength. Never stop looking for him.

C: **For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

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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.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger. 1598-1662

A THANKSGIVING LITANY

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: God's steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

C: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

P: God blesses us with gifts of love:

C: With food and clothing, home and family.

P: God blesses us with daily work:

C: And all we need from day to day.

P: God protects us in time of danger:

C: And guards us from every evil.

P: God calls us into relationships with him:

C: And forms us into one holy people.

P: Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: O lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

BELLS OF PRAISE

Jason W. Krug

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

A READING FROM JOEL

2:21-27

R: A reading from Joel the 2nd chapter.

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.

R: Word of God Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM 1ST TIMOTHY 2:1-7

R: A reading from 1st Timothy the 2nd chapter.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff is also in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains the melody for the next two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!". The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Our Cantor will sing a verse.
We respond with the Acclamation a second time*

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:25-33

A: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Mathew the 6th chapter.

C:  Musical notation for the first part of the page, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." are written below the staff.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said,] 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: This is the gospel of our Lord!

C:  Musical notation for the second part of the page, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the staff.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Vicar Mike Porter

Please stand.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly. 1901-1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN. Gaelic tune

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THE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith expressed through the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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

Together we respond:

P: God, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer!

Please be seated.

ORGAN MEDITATION

Dan Miller

Count Your Many Blessings

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

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

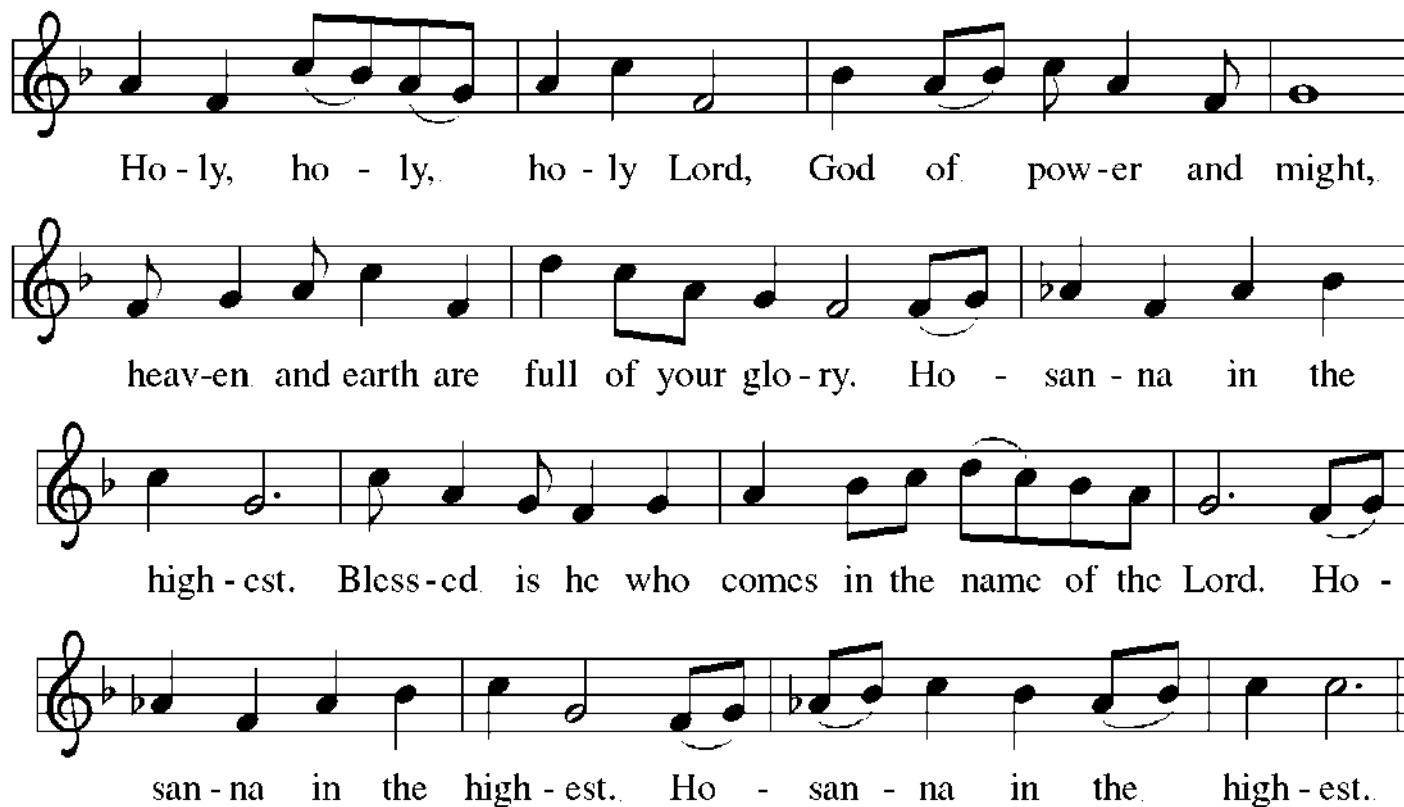
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Please be seated.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: A feast of love is offered here, for you and for all the saints!

At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine as we feast of the body and blood of Christ. Together we break bread and lift the cup!

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table you have been for us both host and meal. Send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when we will all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

C: 
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please stand.



SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

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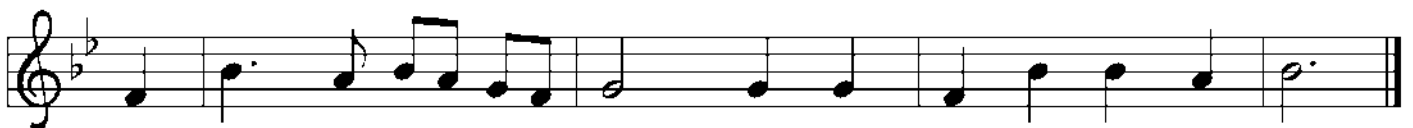
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing,
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love,
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

THE SENDING

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to love
and serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Choral Improvisation on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Opus 65, No. 59

Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera: Andrew & Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Judy Kimmel</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Shelley Ross</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator: John Bailey Haley Welter</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant: Rev. C. J. Bailey</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship
"Apart...yet Together"
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

We are missing a white plastic liner from the container used to display the Single arrangement of Altar Flowers. Generally, one liner is here and the second one is at Roger's Flowers, so they have access when we need a single flower arrangement.

*If you know where the missing liner is, could you please return it to either Roger's Flowers or the Church Office?
Thank you!*

BOUNTIFUL FEAST TODAY

The **Bountiful Feast Drive-Thru Pickup Dinner** will begin following **worship TODAY!**

Use the south side driveway.
The dinner is free to all.

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It's the Mitten Tree time of year again! The tree is waiting in the lobby for your contributions of hats, scarves, and mittens.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in donating to this worthwhile project!

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*"God is among us!"
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."*