

Thanksgiving Day Worship

November 23, 2023

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship from Psalm 107

*Song: **We Praise You, O God vs 1-3**

*Gods Greeting and Greeting One Another

*Song: **Now Thank We All Our God vs 1-3**

GIVE THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song: **Give Thanks**

Scripture: *Colossians 2:6-7*

Message: ***Thank You, Lord***

Prayer

GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON

*Song: **I Will Sing of My Redeemer vs 1-3**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song for Passing of the Bread: **There Is a Redeemer vs 1-3**

Song for Passing of the Cup: **Praise Him! Praise Him! vs 1-3**

*Benediction

*Song: **Jesus Is Lord vs 1-4**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Dave Jolman

Organ: Kim Persenaire

Piano: Kim Byker

Flute: Alyssa Horstman

Clarinet: Cassie Helms, Linda Horstman, Idelle Wagner

Saxophone: Kara Helms

Trumpet: Jeff Brinks, Jake Horstman, Jeff Horstman

Trombone: Josh Horstman

*Congregation stands if able

GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF THANKSGIVING

WELCOME

Thanksgiving is a national, and not a Christian, holiday but as Christians, we have adopted it as one of our own. Gratitude is at the heart of our Christian identity. The Lord's Supper is sometimes referred to as the "Eucharist" [based on the Greek word for "thanksgiving"]. This sacrament is for us a meal of gratitude, just as the last supper was, for Jesus and his disciples, a meal of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is not merely a reaction to our circumstances but is, for the Christian, a way of life. It is the way we come into our day and go into the night. The Lord's Supper is a celebration and thanksgiving for God's grace and covenant faithfulness.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father God, giver of all good things, it is in your abundant provision that we gather today. With your word, the earth grows plants that yield seeds and fruit trees that bear fruit with seeds inside it, and you have called it good. In your love, you provide for our needs as you free us from what binds and oppresses us. Even now, you set the heavenly banquet table around which all will gather. Your provision knows no end. Jesus, the Bread of Heaven, the Living Water, your grace sustains us. You teach us to share in your ministry of compassion and reconciliation. The generosity of your love fills our empty places so that we may bring your love to the empty places in this world. Your provision knows no end.

Holy Spirit, truth in this world, you hold us in communion. You dwell within us, continuing to make real the presence of Christ. You make us like a tree replanted by streams of water, so that we may bear fruit at just the right time. Though we are many, it is your communion that makes us one Body in Christ. Your provision knows no end.

With thankful hearts, we gather at your Table. Please feed us once again with the loaf and the cup. May they be the very Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, binding us with Christ and one another. May the grace of this Table extend beyond this time and place so that we are joined with the faithful of every time and place.

THE INVITATION

... All who put their trust in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ alone for their salvation, all who truly hate their sins, who desire to live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, are now invited to come with joy and thanksgiving to the table of the Lord.

COMMUNION

- Passing of the Bread..... *There Is a Redeemer*
- Passing of the Cup..... *Praise Him, Praise Him*

PRAYER

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY:** *Jesus Is Lord*

