



Thanksgiving Worship Service
November 25, 2020
7:00 p.m.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: LSB #895 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Opening Sentences – Psalm 136:1, 4-7, 23-26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: who by his understanding made the heavens,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: who spread out the earth upon the waters,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: who made the great lights—

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: to the One who remembered us in our low estate

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: and freed us from our enemies,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: and who gives food to every creature.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

People: **His love endures forever.**

We Sing: LSB #893 “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Our Thanksgiving Confession – Spoken Together

Lord, we come to You tonight knowing that we have failed to give You thanks in all circumstances. We have not given You the praise that You deserve. Instead, we tend to focus on our own hurts and doubts. Forgive us, Lord for shallow thankfulness. Cleanse us and fill our hearts that we might be compelled to live a life of gratitude and thankful service.

A Thanksgiving Absolution:

Christ truly gave us the single greatest gift in all creation when He died and rose for our salvation. We have been forgiven and cleansed of every evil thought and desire, and by the Holy Spirit's power we are now enabled to live our lives in true gratitude and loving service. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Philippians 4:4-20

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor's Message: Pastor Brian Doel

Special Music: "The Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Michele Doel, Betsy Jones, Aunnee Trampe

Offering

Thanksgiving Prayers of the Church (Spoken Together)

Gracious God, another Thanksgiving; it is hard to believe that another year has come and passed and with it we have endured and embraced so much. We pause in this moment, to consider all that we have endured, thankful that we were given just enough strength, courage, support, love and humor to make our way through...so many challenges in one's life, in one year. It might have seemed too hard to bear and yet, we had just enough to make it here. Thank You.

✝ Time for Silent Reflection ✝

We stop to think on all that we have embraced this year. So many tiny moments flashed past us leaving sparks of hope, embers of courage, flames of strength and blazing bonfires of love. We are warmed and inspired by them and the world is brighter for us because of them. And so as we pause and stop, we honor our blessings and the One that has bestowed them. Thanks be to God.

✝ Time for Silent Reflection ✝

May our gratitude be in, with, and through all that we say and do. In Your name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

