

Community Thanksgiving Service

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

November 20, 2022

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Michael Helman Nadine Berg

Welcome

Reading of the Five Kernels of Corn (see insert)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let heaven praise the Lord: praise Him heavenly heights,

People: praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His armies!

Pastor: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, shining stars,

People: praise Him, highest heavens, and waters above the heavens!

Pastor: Let them all praise the name of the Lord at whose command they were created,

People: He has fixed them in their place for ever, by an unalterable statute.

Pastor: Let earth praise the Lord: sea-monsters and all the deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, gales that obey His decree, mountains and hills, orchards and forests, wild animals and farm animals, snakes and birds, all kings on earth and nations, princes, all rulers in the world, young men and girls, old people, and children too!

People: Let them all praise the name of the Lord, for His name and no other is sublime, transcending earth and heaven in majesty,

Pastor: raising the fortunes of His people, to the praises of the devout, of Israel, the people dear to Him.

All Together:

Five Kernels of Corn!

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To the Thanksgiving Feast bring Five Kernels of Corn!

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the working 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. **Amen.**

Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#693 (ELW)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.
There, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Isaiah 2

People: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths,"

Pastor: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

People: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples;

Pastor: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

People: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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Children's SermonPresentation of 3rd Gr. Bibles**Reading**

Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from Philippians.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***Gospel**

John 6:25-35

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵When the disciples found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

#679 (ELW)

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Apostle's Creed

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 into hell.

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

Candle Lighting

John Koski

Pastor Kevin Olson

Prayers of Intercession

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living.

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering

Thanks Be to God

Rob Roy Perry

Nadine Berg

Offertory

Take My Life, That I May Be

#685 (vs 1 & 4, ELW)

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

*Offering Prayer

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.**

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Communion Hymns *Praise and Thanksgiving*

#689 (ELW)

1. Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.
2. By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,
By the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,
By the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won:
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.
3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel;
With your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal;
Lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun:
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.
4. By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;
By the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light;
By the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one:
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461 (ELW)

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Beautiful Savior

#838 (ELW)

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on the high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

***Prayer after Communion**

O God, **we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

#694 (ELW)

1. Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
2. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase,
And crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
3. Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* by M. F. August Koehler

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

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Ushers: Roy & Ada Hobbs/Jim McDonald

Tellers: Dick Hemmersbaugh

Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law

Altar Guild: Nicole Borra, Kathy Koschak, Melissa Schwarze



NEWS & NOTES

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored Milo Sulentic in loving memory of his wife, Helen. *Thank you and God bless.*

Best wishes to Pat Stone, Clinton Lind and Punky Ridlon who will be celebrating their birthday's this week. Pat on Monday, Clinton and Punky on Saturday.

Happy Birthday!!!

Best wishes to Jim & Lin Cary who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday. *Happy Anniversary!!!*

We extend out sympathy to Carol Pengal on the death of her son, Frank Pengal. Frank died on November 9th. *God bless.*

Opportunities of the Week

Today 20 th	9:00	Worship/Communion/Christ the King/ Thanksgiving Service/ 3 rd Grade Bible Presentation
	10:00	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG
Monday 21 st	9:00	Quilting
Tuesday 22 nd	11:00	Hymn Planning
	1:00	Staff
	6:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	6:30	Worship Committee
Wednesday 23 rd	8:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	8:30	Bible Study
		NO Handbells NO Confirmation NO Choir
Thursday 24 th		<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> Office closed
Friday 25 th		<i>Office</i> is closed
Sunday 27 th	9:00	Worship/First Sunday of Advent/Worship Band
	10:00	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG

Five Kernels of Corn
(A Thanksgiving Tradition)

" 'Out of small beginnings great things have been produced, as one small candle may light a thousand.' —
Gov. Bradford.

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"Twas the year of the famine in Plymouth of old,
The ice and the snow from the thatched roofs had rolled.
Through the warm purple skies steered the geese o'er the seas,
And the woodpeckers tapped in the clocks of the trees;
The boughs on the slopes to the south winds lay bare,
And dreaming of summer the buds swelled the air,
The pale Pilgrims welcomed each reddening morn;
There were left for rations but Five Kernels of Corn.
Five Kernels of Com!
Five Kernels of Corn!
But to Bradford a feast were Five Kernels of Corn!

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" 'Five Kernels of Corn! Five Kernels of Com!
Ye people be glad for Five Kernels of Corn'.
So Bradford cried out on bleak Burial Hill.
And the thin women stood in their doors white and still.
Lo the Harbor of Plymouth rolls bright in the spring,
The maples grow red, and the wood robins sing,
The west wind is blowing, and fading the snow,
And the pleasant pines sing, and arbutuses blow.
Five Kernels of Com!
Five Kernels of Corn!
To each one be give Five Kernels of Com! '

"O Bradford of Austerfield, haste, on thy way
 The west winds are blowing o'er Provincetown Bay,
 The white avens bloom, but the pine domes are chill,
 And new graves have furrowed Precisioners' Hill!
 'Give thanks all ye people, the warm skies have come,
 The hilltops are sunny, and green grows the holm,
 And the trumpets of winds, and the white March is gone,
 And ye still have left you Five Kernels of Corn.
 Five Kernels of Com!
 Five Kernels of Corn!
 Ye have for Thanksgiving Five Kernels of Com!'

IV

"The raven's gift eat and be humble and pray,
 A new light is breaking, and Truth leads your way.
 One taper a thousand shall kindle: rejoice
 That to you has been given the wilderness voice!
 O Bradford of Austerfield, daring the wave,
 And safe through the sounding blasts leading the brave,
 Of deeds such as thine was the free nation born,
 And the festal world sings the 'Five Kernels of Corn.'
 Five Kernels of Corn!
 Five Kernels of Corn!
 The nation gives thanks for the Five Kernels of Corn!
 To the Thanksgiving Feast bring Five Kernels of Com!"