

**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP  
November 23, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

“It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us.” These words written by President Woodrow Wilson for Thanksgiving one hundred years ago are just as timely now as they were then. We are a blessed people, and there is so much for which we can turn in praise and thanksgiving to God! As the Lord Jesus sets a Thanksgiving banquet before you today in His Word, join with your Christian family to turn and give Him thanks and praise for the saving work He does in your life. “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1).

### † Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty God, source of every good and perfect gift, we give You thanks for all of Your blessings of body and soul. Purify us by Your Word and Spirit that, receiving all You have to give, we may offer our lives in gratitude to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prelude**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

J. S. Bach

### **Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Stand)*

### **Processional Hymn #809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

### **Opening Sentences**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** I will praise the name of God with a song;

**C:** **I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

**P:** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**C:** **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

**P:** For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

**C:** **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

## Confession and Absolution

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to bow before Him in thanksgiving, and to receive Christ's body and blood in the Eucharistic feast, let us first confess before our holy God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We daily fall short of His glory. We can never purify ourselves from our sins. Together, as one family in Jesus Christ, let us seek our Father's cleansing forgiveness. Together, we pray:

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Almighty God in His steadfast love for you has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise #806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Old Testament Lesson

## Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*(We remember the many blessings of our God.)*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: **and make His face to shine upon us,**

P: that Your way may be known on earth,

C: **Your saving power among all nations.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: **let all the peoples praise You!**

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: **let all the peoples praise You!**

P: The earth has yielded its increase;

C: **God, our God, shall bless us.**

P: God shall bless us;

C: **let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

## Epistle Lesson

**Philippians 4:6-20**

*(God supplies our every need in Christ Jesus.)*

<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

<sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

*(Only one who is healed returns to Jesus in praise.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Be seated)*

**Hymn of the Day #895 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**Sermon – "Manna: What a Strange Thanksgiving Meal"**

**Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

*(Please stand)*

**Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the country in which we live and work, that our land would turn to Christ in praise and thanksgiving for all His blessings and mercies, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings throughout our land!**

P: For the Church and her faithful witness throughout the world, that all who serve our Savior may make Him known in word and action, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in Your Church on earth!**

P: For all who lead others in our homes and workplaces, that our vocations may be opportunities to serve the One who served us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in our homes and workplaces!**

P: For our congregation of St. John's, that our sharing in the Eucharist of Christ Jesus may always lead us to praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in the life of our congregation!**

P: For all who come to the Lord for healing, [*especially* . . .], that they may experience the healing work of Jesus and always turn to Him in thanksgiving and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of healing us in body and in soul!**

P: For these and all other needs we have—both spoken and unspoken—that we may boldly pray as children in the presence of our loving Father, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of answered prayers! Amen.**

*(Be seated)*

## Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Praise the Lord”

G. F. Handel arr. by Hopson

*(Please stand)*

Offertory Hymn # 805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### TONIGHT WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)  
Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

## † Sacrament †

### Preface

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.

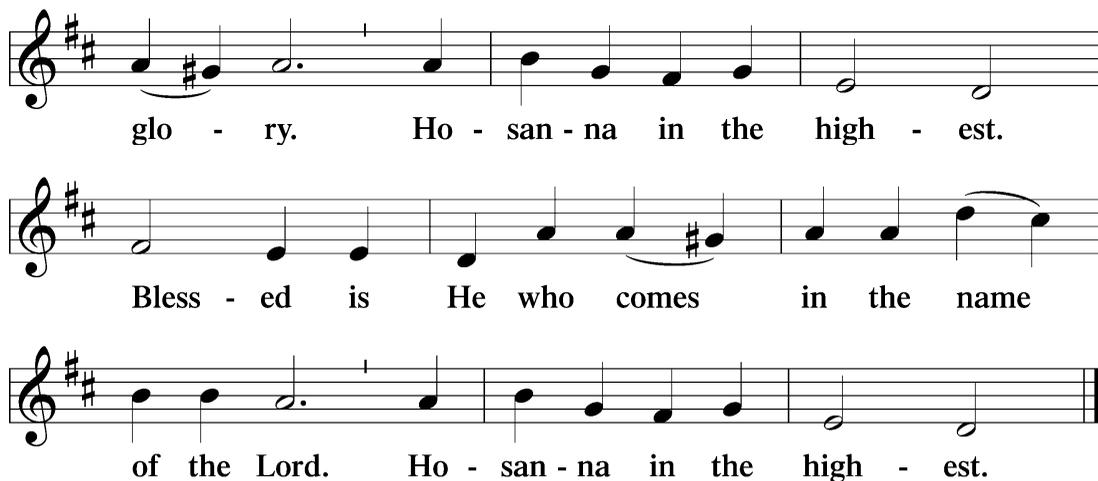
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

## Lord's Prayer – Sung by the Choir

### The Words Of Our Lord

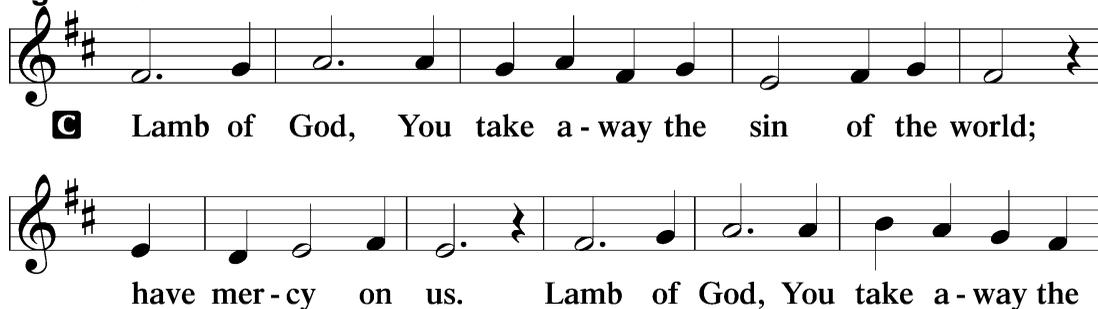
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

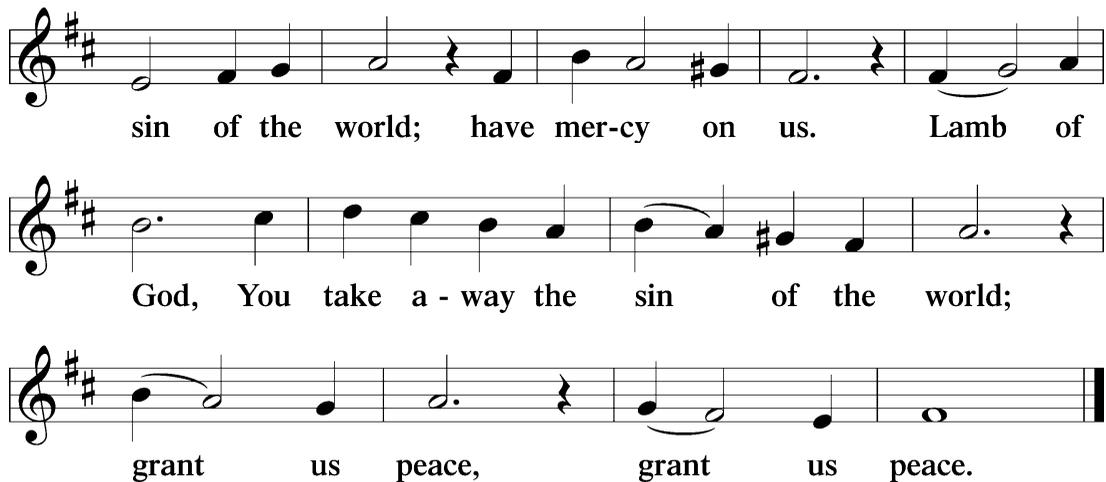
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(Be seated)*

**Distribution Hymns: #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"  
 #783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"  
 #892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

*(Please stand)*

**Thank the Lord**



**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Benediction**

**P:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C:** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn, Tune #785, “We Praise You, O God”**

**Postlude**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Thank you to Pastor Joshua Haugen of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Greensboro for conducting our worship this evening.

Worship Assistants: Mark Meier & Bob Burke

Organist & Choir Director: Frances Burmeister

Special thanks to Jane Davidson for designing and donating the flower arrangement for tonight’s service.