



*Praise and Thanksgiving
at Messiah Lutheran*

November 19, 2023

Prelude: Messiah Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Shouts of joy! Songs of praise!

These are moments of PRAISE and THANKSGIVING to our God!

We are God's people. God's love for us is never ending!

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Good gifts surround us. All good gifts are sent from God!

Let us offer to God our songs of praise!

Opening Song: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" (Vs 1 & 3) ELW 681

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day:

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 joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

ELW, page 227



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Child of Marshall and Taylor

Praise and Thanksgiving for the Cross

As we celebrate with grateful hearts, we offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the meaning of the Cross in our lives, in the Church, and in the world.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

God of grace, your deep, abiding love transpires time and place.

Your love brought Jesus into the world to die upon the cross.

We praise you for this amazing gift of love!

By the cross, we are inspired to rise above ourselves.

By the cross we are motivated to sacrificial living.

By the cross we are redeemed.

By the cross we know life everlasting in you.

Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

ELW 857

Praise and Thanksgiving for the Word

As we celebrate with grateful hearts, we offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of God's Word.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. ⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips ⁶ when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Reflection by Pastor Dave

God of wonder, Your Word became flesh in a baby of Bethlehem.
Your Word breathed life into the tomb of our Lord at Easter.

By your Word we are guided to the way that leads to life.
By your Word we are inspired and encouraged in our walk of faith.

By your Word we live. By your Word we die.
By your Word we know life eternal!

Song: "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

ELW 509

Praise and Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

As we celebrate with grateful hearts, we offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the new life opened to each of us through the gift of Baptism.

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-5

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

In the mystery of Baptism, we are bound together with Christ.
We are made new creations in Christ.

In the waters of Baptism, we die to the power sin has over us.
In the waters of Baptism, we are raised to new life.

We rejoice in the promises given to us as the children of God!
We rejoice in the gift of God's Holy Spirit to guide us.

Song: "Baptized and Set Free" (Verses 1 & 4)

ELW 453

Praise and Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

*As we celebrate with grateful hearts, we offer praise and thanksgiving
to God for our Lord's own presence freely shared
in this meal of bread and wine.*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

We cherish God's grace given to us in our Lord's Body and Blood.

**By grace we receive these gifts
assured of God's forgiveness and love.**

We live each day in the power of Christ's presence to strengthen us.

We live in the power of Christ's presence to sustain us.

In the gifts of bread and wine we are one with You, O Lord.

**In these gifts of bread and wine we are one Body,
called to serve in joy.**

Song: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW 471

Praise and Thanksgiving for the Joy of Family

*As we celebrate with grateful hearts, we offer praise and thanksgiving
to God for the gift of loving relationships in which we can experience
and share God's love.*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

For relationships that reflect unconditional acceptance and love...

We give you thanks!

For relationships that reflect patience and kindness...

We give you thanks!

For the opportunity to share love with others as you have loved us...

We give you thanks!

For those who give us grace, forgiveness, and new beginnings...

We give you thanks!

Song: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Verses 1, 4, 5)

ELW 879

Offering: Messiah Handbell Choir

Offertory: “Now Thank We All Our God” – Verse 1 – ELW 840

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Offering Prayer:

In abundant love you have given yourself to us. In abundant gratitude we lift our offerings of love to you! Transform these gifts by your Spirit's power to proclaim and share your love in the world! Amen.

Prayers:

In abundant love you have given yourself to us. In abundant gratitude we lift our offerings of love to you! Transform these gifts by your Spirit's power to proclaim and share your love in the world!

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, we give you thanks for physical health, for the use of our senses, for our intellect and thought. Make us good stewards of our abilities that we may bring glory to your name every day.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We give you thanks, Lord God, for the opportunity to work, learn and rest. Open our eyes to opportunities where we can joyfully and faithfully serve you in our everyday lives.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of family and friends. Let the light of your love shine in our homes. Help us to overcome strife and conflict with your patience and forgiveness. Help parents in the task of raising children. Comfort the lonely and bring them into good company.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord God, unless you care for us and give us what we need, all our work is in vain. Keep our hearts and minds set firmly on your word, so that we may always trust in you, and be generous with the gifts you have given us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving:

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 & praise.

*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.*

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

**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.**

Invitation To Communion: Come and receive our Lord's good gifts!

Post Communion Prayer:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ and making us one with all your people. Send us forth in your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW 537

Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**



We are thankful for you, God's family of faith at Messiah Lutheran! May you be blest with gifts of joy and gratitude this Thanksgiving Day and always!