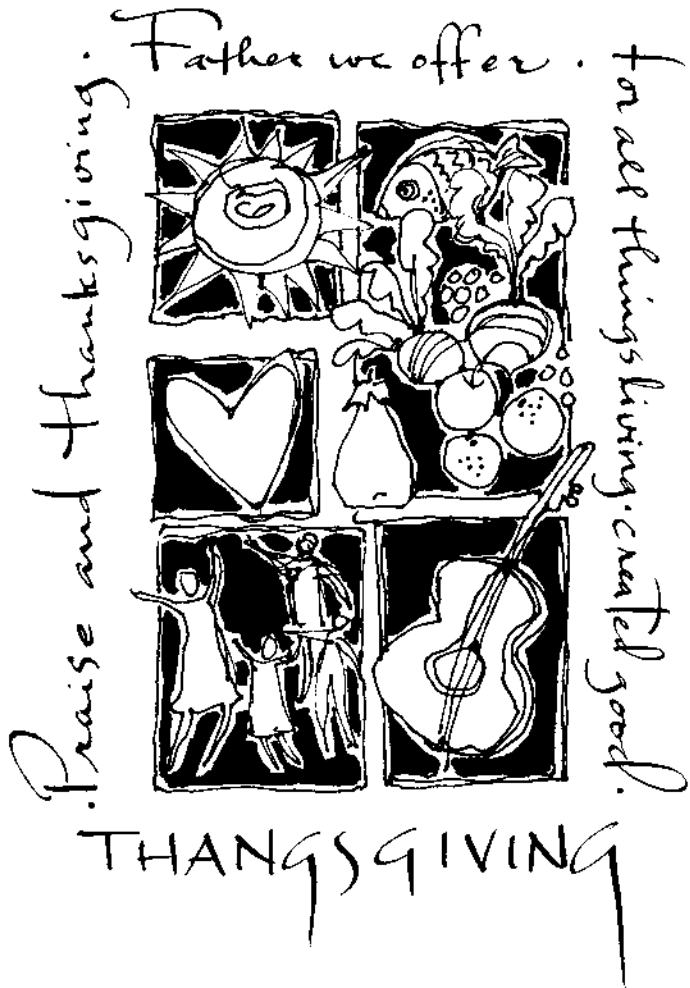


"This is the day the Lord has made. Let's rejoice and be glad!"



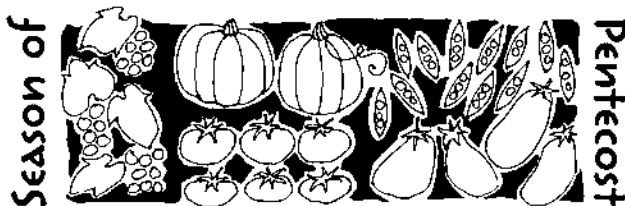
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031
(Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School: 837-1252

WORSHIP: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

EDUCATION HOUR: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

DATE: *November 23, 2022*



Thanksgiving Eve

November 23, 2022

The Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE: *"We Gather Together"*

Franklin Ritter

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING -- ESPECIALLY FOR BAPTISM: *(please stand)*

L: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

C: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

L: Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

C: You are the fountain of resurrection.

L: Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood; Hagar discovers your well.

C: The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

L: Na'aman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

C: Holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of Baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water.

L: Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

C: Illumine our days.

L: Enliven our homes.

C: Dry our tears.

L: Wash away the sin within us,

C: and drown the evil around us.

L: Satisfy all our desire with your living water, Christ Jesus, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: #693 (*stanzas 1-2*) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

THE GREETING

P: Fear not, be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things,

C: **His people shall never again be put to shame.**

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

C: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray together. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, your mercy is new every morning, and though we do not deserve your goodness you generously provide everything we need. Give us your Spirit that we may acknowledge your providence, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. Through Christ Jesus, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM FOR THANKSGIVING: (*please sit*) “*Jubilate! Sing Praise!*”

Diane Hamilton/Stewart Harris

Jubilate, sing praise to the Lord! Lift up a vibrant voice.

Jubilate, sing praise to the Lord. Let every nation rejoice.

Refrain: All creation joins in the song. Valleys echo, singing along.
Mountains rise up loud and strong. Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo.

Jubilate, bring glorious sounds. Worship the Giver of life.
Jubilate, let music abound. Raise up a song to the sky. *Refrain*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Jubilate, sing praise to the Lord. Lift up a jubilant noise.
Jubilate, sing praise to the Lord. Come with a shout and rejoice. *Refrain*

FIRST LESSON: *(please sit)*

Ecclesiasticus 50:22-24

²²And now bless the God of all, who in every way does great things; who exalts our days from birth, and deals with us according to his mercy. ²³May he give us gladness of heart, and grant that peace be in our days in Israel, as in the days of old. ²⁴May he entrust to us his mercy! And let him deliver us in our days!

THE PSALMODY:

Psalm 100

(The organist will play the ending to the familiar hymn tune "Lobe den Herren;" the reader will then read a line from the Psalm, and the congregation will then sing a line from the hymn.)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!**

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with glad singing.

**O my soul, praise him,
For he is your health and salvation.**

Acknowledge that the LORD is God.

**Sheep of his hand,
Safe in his pasture we stand.**

He created us, and we belong to him.

Join now in glad adoration!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**Praise to the Lord,
Who will prosper your work and defend you.**

Give thanks to him, and bless his name.

**Surely his goodness
And mercy shall daily attend you.**

The LORD is good; his love is eternal, and his faithfulness lasts forever.

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.**

THE SECOND LESSON:

First Timothy 2:1-7

Paul writes: ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. ³This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

SEQUENCE HYMN: #693 (*stanza 3; please stand*) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. Matthew 6:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. It is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? ³¹“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #693 (*stanza 4; please sit*) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

SERMON

Rob Biesendorfer

(The sermon will incorporate stanzas of the hymn, “Now Thank We All Our God,” which also serves as the Hymn of the Day. We will sing, as directed by the preacher. The stanzas are printed on page 5. Please stand for stanza 3.)

**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.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father be given, the Son, and Spirit blest,
Who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

THE PRAYERS: *(please remain standing)*

A: Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to you, and for all your loving kindness we bless your holy Name.

C: **For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our lives, we praise you, O God.**

A: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious, we praise you, O God.

C: **For the gift of Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross, we praise you, O God.**

A: For His glorious resurrection and ascension to your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion, we praise you, O God.

C: **For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life, and for your holy Church throughout the world, we praise you, O God.**

A: For the means of grace, and for the fellowship of the redeemed throughout all time, we praise you, O God.

C: **Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to you, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM, as the Altar is prepared: Adult Choir *(please be seated)*

“We Are the People of God”

Mary Kay Beall/John Carter

Refrain: We are the people of God; He has loved us and chosen us for His own.
We are the people of God; He has chosen us to be His own.

Filled and clothed with His Spirit, forgiving as He forgave.
Bound and blessed by His perfect love, His everlasting love. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ is in us, for peace is our calling now.
Psalms and hymns and song of praise we offer him with joy. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(please stand)*

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

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 God thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, Our Bread of Life, our Table, and our Food,
You created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become the Bread of Life for the world.

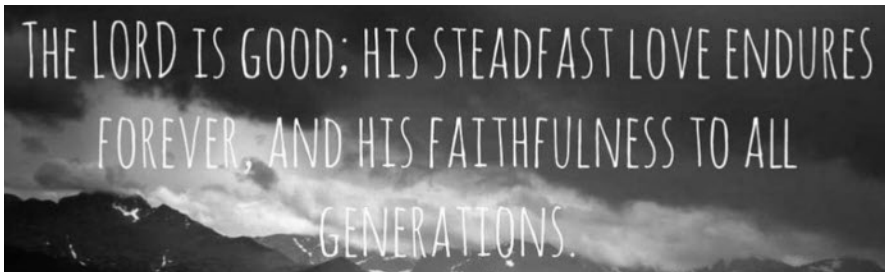


In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
Saying: Take and eat;
This is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
assure us of the forgiveness purchased on the cross
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the Body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C: Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**



HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE:

*(Continuous/Pilgrim Communion, beginning on the pulpit [right] side; please be seated)
(Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The chalice is offered currently for Intinction [dipping] only.)*

Hymn #694

Hymn #879

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

COMMUNION BLESSING: *(please stand)*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Hymn #547 *(stanza 1)*

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION: *(from Colossians 3:12-17)*

P: God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people.

C: Love is more important than anything else; love is what binds everything together.

P: Each of you is a part of the body of Christ,

C: chosen to live together in peace.

P: So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts...and be thankful!

C: **With thankful hearts we sing our praise to God!**

P: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

C: **Yes! Thanks be to God!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #881 (stanza 1)

“Let All Things Now Living”

DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace. Celebrate with joy. Serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Robert J. Hughes



Presiding Minister.....	<i>Pastor Richard E. Mueller</i>
Preacher.....	<i>Rob Biesendorfer</i>
Assisting Minister.....	<i>Ruth Blundell</i>
Organist.....	<i>Cindy Vantine</i>
Adult Choir.....	<i>Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director</i>
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ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, and EPIPHANY

Wednesdays, November 30 and December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer at Atonement

Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Worship at Florissant Valley Christian Church

Regular Weekend Services December 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18

5:30 p.m., 8:15 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Traditional holiday services with Holy Communion, special music, homily, and everyone's favorite carols! Bell Choir performs at the 7:00 p.m. service.

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist. Choral music by the Adult Choir.

Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome the day of our Savior's birth with traditional carols, a message from the Word, and Holy Communion.

New Year's Eve, December 31, at 5:30 p.m. - Devotional worship only

Followed by Family Fun Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome the Wise Men with story and song

January 15 at 8:15 a.m.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany - An Atonement Tradition

