



November 22, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Service, Year C

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WELCOME

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

BLESSING OF THANKSGIVING

GATHERING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



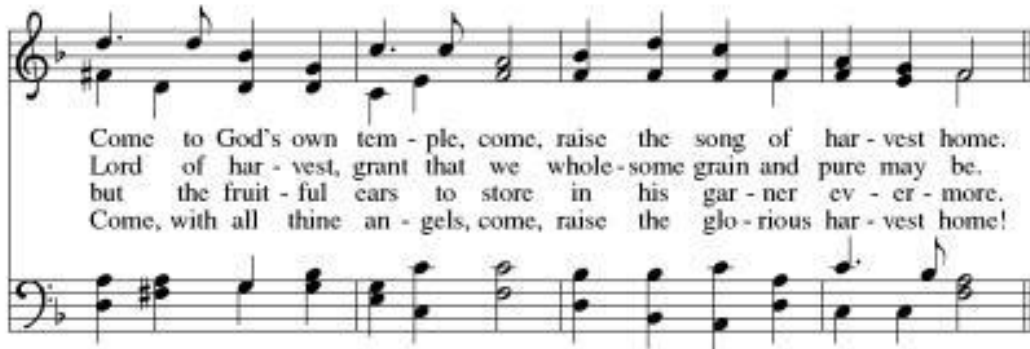
1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day, all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be,
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Ebrey, 1816-1893

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

God of Grace,

You provide for all of your creation. In every space and in every place. Yet the world is broken and provision can become fragmented. We pray for all who are struggling this Thanksgiving and we ask that they know your comfort, love, and peace. We pray for all who are traveling, may their journey be safe. We pray for all who gather together. For joy, for love, and for laughter. May the table be a place where we remember your table. A place to be filled so that we can share your love with others.

Amen.

WORD

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

26 “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice^[a] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[b] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, 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^[c] these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 6:25-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus 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. ²⁷ Do 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.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So 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?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³² Then 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. ³³ For the bread of God is

that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir,^[b] give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus 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.

SERMON

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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 to the dead. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Abundant God,
Receive these gifts, and bless them with your presence. May they be a part of our mission, a part of your vision, and a blessing to the world. Through Jesus Christ who taught us to give.
Amen.

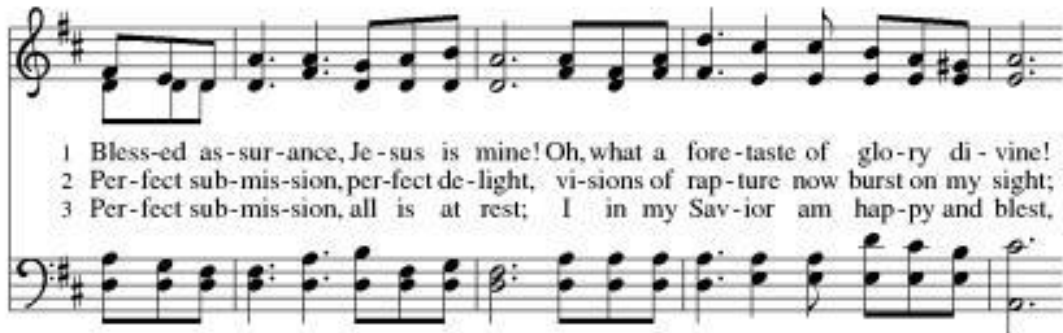
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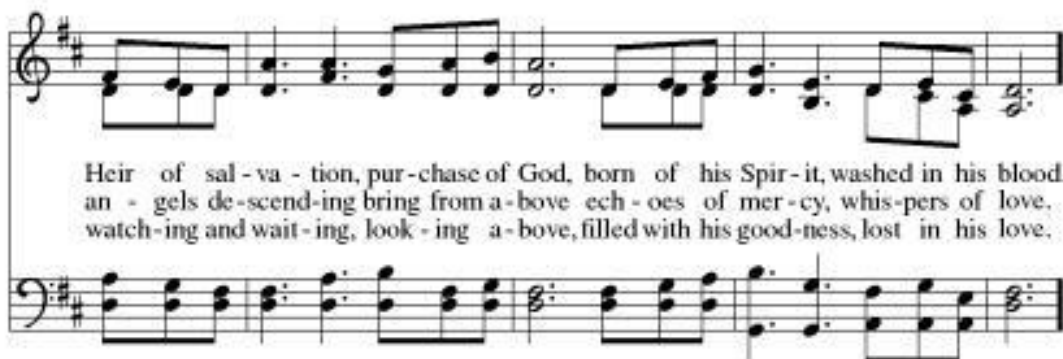
May God provide you what you need,
May Christ cultivate a prayer of gratitude in your heart,
May the Spirit summon peace, joy, and love to you, and those you meet,
And may the Three in One ✝ bless your coming and going,
now and forevermore. Amen

SENDING SONG

Blessed Assurance




1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love,
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to all! Happy Thanksgiving! Welcome, one and all, to this unique opportunity when so many across our nation join hearts in praise and gratitude to God.

May my prayers to you, O God, begin from a place of thanksgiving, recognizing your countless gifts.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex. May God bless you today and all days.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John's at (715) 675-6950

Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Food Basket* next to the main entrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church Website! St. John now has a new and improved website! Check it out at stjohnwausau.org Our website is a great way for non-congregation members to learn more about what it means to be a part of our St. John community. Please extend a HUGE thank you to Jayne Rowe, Ann Lyon-Ohrmundt, Shelley Kufahl, Lorie Anderson, Kim Landwehr, Mary Anderson, and Pastor Maggie Westaby, who all spent countless hours learning about web page design and how to develop and maintain the new webpage.

Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Maggie's Book Club will discuss the book, *Everything Happens for A Reason, And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler.

Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. We will be decorating the church and the tree. Everyone is welcome to help as we beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. No need to reply, but if you have questions, please call or email Sue Harris.

Monday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. This service is prayerfully cultivated for those who have lost loved ones, for those who find the holidays to be a lonely time, and for those who would like to spend more time in prayer. This service will have candle lighting, music, prayers, and a sermon. All are welcome.

Tuesday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m. at Carmelo's. Sisterhood Christmas Gathering. Happy Hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Per tradition, the evening will end with a white elephant exchange. Donations for the Women's Community will also be collected. Please sign up in the narthex to help us plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

****Christmas Program & Fun Holiday Events!****

Sunday, December 4th and Sunday, December 11th at 10:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice during normal Sunday School hours.

Saturday, December 17th 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. Christmas Program Dress-Rehearsal.

Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program & Worship Service. Invite your friends and family to attend and enjoy this St. John tradition! All are welcome for fellowship after! Please have children arrive to church at 9:40am that day to get into costume.

Thursday, December 22nd at 5:30 p.m. ‘The Star’ Pizza & Pajama Party. St. John members of all ages are welcome to attend this fun event! Come and watch the cartoon movie ‘The Star’ about the night Jesus was born. Enjoy pizza for dinner and make a star ornament! Wear your PJs and bring something comfy to snuggle with! Kids are welcome to bring friends if they’d like! **Pizza at 5:30pm. Movie 6:30pm-8pm.**

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Coming This Week @ St. John

November 22 – November 27

Today

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Pr. Maggie @ Pr. Maggie
- 11:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service

November 24

- All Day Church office closed
- Happy Thanksgiving!

November 25

- All Day Church office closed

November 27

- 9:00 a.m. Worship