

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Day
November 24, 2022



Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God in honor of
our Garden of Hope and all who have made it a success by
Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude

We Gather Together Arr. James Curnow
Tom McHugh, Trumpet
Patricia Nyce, Piano

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Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

We Gather Together

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

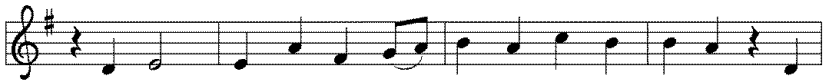
Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




I Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we




wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of




God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



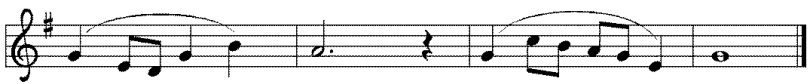
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

Litany of Thanksgiving

For the good gifts of creation we give you thanks.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

For minds that can think and explore and grow, for bodies that can sense and leap and rest, for hearts that can share and feel and love, for voices that can encourage and sing and praise,

We offer up our hearty thanks.

For the good gift of salvation we give you thanks.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

For promises made and promises kept to Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph; for that holy birth in Bethlehem's stall; for the life of teaching, preaching and healing; for the death suffered once to conquer death; for the promise of resurrection and life, delivered when Christ rose from death,

We offer up our hearty thanks.

For the good gift of your presence among us we give you thanks.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

For the love that fills our hearts and spills out to family and friends; for the fellowship that binds us to our family of faith; for the hope and joy that give our lives meaning and direction; for the simple gifts of smiles and laughs, songs and hugs that add to life the special glimmer of joy,

We offer up our hearty thanks. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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 willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Joel 2:21-27

A reading from Joel

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

Psalm Reading Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

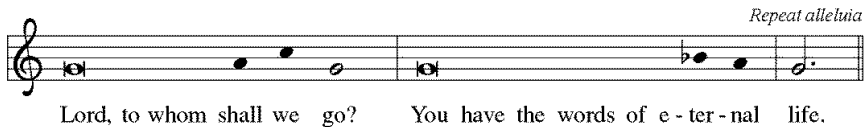
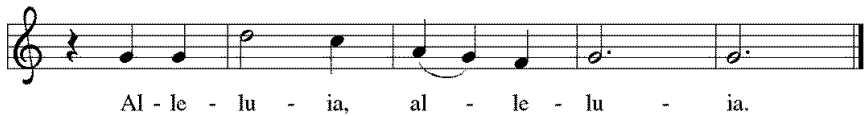
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading 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.

Message

Hymn of the Day *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* ELW #693

Apostles' 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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* ELW #840

Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Postlude on "St. George's Windsor"* Jason D. Payne

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