



Concordia Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 22, 2023



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Prelude

Welcome to Concordia!

Pastor Ray Rohlfs

Opening Song

"Forever"

Chris Tomlin
see insert or screens

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

The Sharing of the Peace

Introit

Psalm 104:33, 24, 27 & 30

P: I will sing to the Lord all my life;

C: **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

P: How many are your works, O Lord!

C: **In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

P: These all look to you

C: **to give them their food at the proper time.**

P: When you send your Spirit, they are created,

C: **and you renew the face of the earth.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

P: I will sing to the Lord all my life;

C: **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Song of Praise

"Blessed be Your Name"

Matt Redman
see insert or screens

The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with your spirit.**

ALL: **Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, your Holy Spirit**

that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading is taken from the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy:

“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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from the fourth chapter of First Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:4-20

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Triple Hallelujah

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The Gospel Reading

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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

Luke 17:11-19

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon 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,
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
You, Lord, were at our side; all glory be yours!
3. We all do extol you, our leader triumphant,
And pray that you still our defender will be.

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Let your congregation escape tribulation;
Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Sermon

"More Thanksgiving"

Philippians 4: 4-7

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering

The Offertory

"Give Thanks"

Don Moen

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His son.

And now, let the weak say "I am strong"
Let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion

Red Hymnal pg 24-28

Distribution Hymn *"Lamb of God"*

Maroon Hymnal # 550

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal pg 30

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

C: Amen

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Red Hymnal pg 31

Closing Hymn *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

Maroon Hymnal #789

Announcements