



Oh give thanks  
UNTO THE  
LORD  
for He is good:  
FOR HIS MERCY  
ENDURES FOREVER.

Psalm 136:1



Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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Thanksgiving Eve - November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Welcome!

*Grace ~ "I am not ashamed of the gospel. . . "*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise.

The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ "These are written that you may believe. . . "*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God's Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. . . "*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God's grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. ***"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen." II Peter 3:18***

# Thanksgiving Eve - November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## OPENING HYMN:

CW21 - #598 or CW -#610 Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed 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  
keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.*

## THANKSGIVING

(adapted from Psalms 95, 65, 92, 148)

**M:** Let us come before the LORD with Thanksgiving,

**C:** **And extol Him with music and song!**

**M:** For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

**C:** **How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

**M:** Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

**C:** **Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

**M:** Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

**C:** **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

**M:** Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

**C:** **His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD.**

**M:** We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

**C:** **You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior.**

- M: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.
- C: **The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for you have ordained it.**
- M: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
- C: **You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**
- M: The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
- C: **The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**
- M: Praise the Lord all you people.
- C: **Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.**

### CONFESSION

- M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)**
- M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
- C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### ABSOLUTION

- M: God gave his Word so *"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name"* (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

## My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Words & Music Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my pain; who  
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be - side; who  
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove; whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain. Who  
floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly. Whose  
wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ery thought is love. For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light and  
ev - ery pro - mise is e - nough for ev - ery step I take; sus -  
ev - every day I have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r u - pon my  
tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with  
I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low

heart.  
grace.

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## **COME YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE COME – WITH PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

Our hymn verses are based on the tune St. George's, Windsor using verses from CW Hymns 613, 617, and 82

### **THE ADDRESS**

**Our Father, who art in heaven.**

Reading – Romans 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.***

***All be safely gathered in- Ere the winter storms begin.***

***God our maker shall provide, For our wants to be supplied.***

***Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.***

### **THE FIRST PETITION**

**Hallowed be thy name.**

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.





Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you  
That we all like you may be, At your great epiphany  
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.***

## THE SECOND PETITION

**Thy kingdom come.**

Reading: Colossians 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.***

## THE THIRD PETITION

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Reading: Romans 8:26-30

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord,  
God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things,  
By the Church with joy confessed, God o'er all, forever blest –  
Pleading, at your throne we stand: Save your people, bless our land.***

## THE FOURTH PETITION

**Give us day our daily bread.**

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:8-10

<sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup> a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. <sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.



Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the kindly rain;  
O'er our wide and goodly land, Crown the labors of each hand.  
Let your kind protection be, O'er our commerce on the sea.  
Open, Lord, your bounteous hand; Bless your people, bless our land.***

## THE FIFTH PETITION

**Forgives us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Reading: Colossians 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.





Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his harvest home,  
From his field shall in that day, All offenses purge away,  
Give his angels charge at last, In the fire the weeds to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.***

## THE SIXTH PETITION

**Lead us not into temptation.**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.  
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.***



## THE SEVENTH PETITION

**Deliver us from evil.**

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



Tune: ST. Georges, Windsor

Come You Thankful People Come

***Even so, Lord, quickly come, To your final harvest-home;  
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.***

## THE DOXOLOGY

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

***"Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory  
and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven  
and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come  
from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are  
strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>Now,  
our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.***



Hymn CW 234 (1,5) / CW21 #624

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!***

## OUR THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

### THE PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING EVE



**CLOSING HYMN:** CW #613 / CW21 #609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

