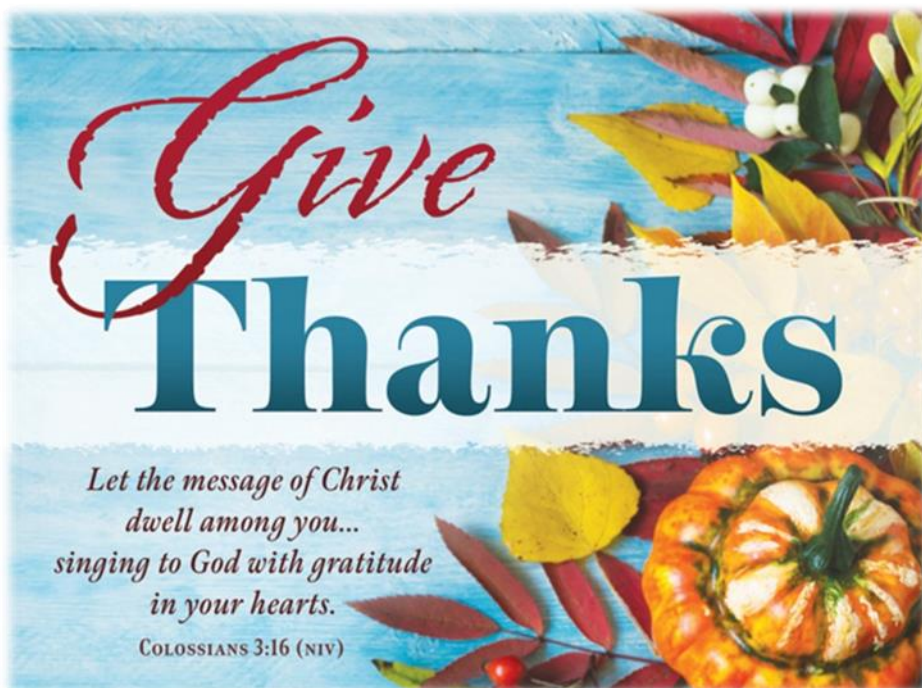


# THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

November 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.



### AS WE GATHER

Thanksgiving can be a time when families come together to celebrate and give thanks to God for all that He has given us. These times of celebration can also be times of tension, stress, and conflict due to challenges in the relationships. Thanksgiving can also be a time of loss as we grieve those who are no longer with us. In all these things, we gather to give thanks to the God who has created all people and who desires all people to be saved through the knowledge of the saving truth about His Son, Jesus.

## PRELUDE

“We Gather Together” -Arr. David Paxton

## PASTORAL WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. And so we look to You whenever we are in need, trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness. As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day. Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst. We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty. We pray for those who are empty emotionally—who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief. We pray for those who are spiritually empty—who are troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know You. God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came so that all of humanity might come to know the abundant life that comes from You.

People: Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” **LSB #892, St. 1-4**

**1 Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest  
Home. All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.**

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

- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares 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.**
- 3 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 tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.**
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.**

*Stand*

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

**People:** In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

**Pastor:** These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

**People:** When You give it to them, they gather it up;

**Pastor:** when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

**People:** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, a day we set aside as a nation to give thanks to our God who graciously gives us all things. In one of Paul's letters to Timothy, he urges that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." For each one of us there are people we struggle to be thankful for.

**People: We confess our struggles and our sins to God, seeking His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.**

*Silence for personal confession*

Pastor: God created this world and everything in it, including all of the people who live in it. According to God's gracious will, He "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." Here's the truth: God loves the people of this world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. By the command of Christ and through the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **KYRIE (Spoken)**

**Pastor: O Lord,**

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

**People: have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:** have mercy.

## **SALUTATION (Spoken)**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You provide us all we need for our bodies and lives. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit to see and be thankful for all of the blessings You give us, thanking You with our lips and our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

*Be seated*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

**8** “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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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<sup>a</sup> that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways

and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 67** *Read Responsively*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**People: that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**People: The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.**

Pastor: God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**People: 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. Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Phil. 4:6-20*

<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Give Thanks” -Words & Music by Henry Smith/Arr. By John Wilson

*Stand*

## **VERSE**

Pastor: Alleluia.

**People: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 17:11–19*

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

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to Thee, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of**



**heaven**

**and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator” LSB #785**

- 1 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.**
- 2 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 struggles we win.**

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

## **SERMON**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** (*Sing*) “Create in Me” **Page 192**

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit  
within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not  
Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy  
salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and  
for all people according to their needs. Responding to each  
prayer with the words,

**People: Thank you Lord.**

**Pastor:** For food, health, clothing, and our homes.

**People: Thank you Lord.**

**Pastor:** For the many freedoms we enjoy in this land.

**People: Thank you Lord.**

**Pastor:** For leaders, teachers, preachers, family and friends.

**People: Thank you Lord.**

**Pastor:** For the gifts You give to Your church,

**People: Thank you Lord.**

**Pastor:** For Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope,  
and Your word.

*Silence for giving thanks to God*

**People: Thank you Lord.**

Pastor: Thank you Lord for Jesus Christ, Your only son through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your Kingdom.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who created this world and everything in it—all of the people and all who dwell in it. In Your tremendous love for Your creation, You sent Your one and only Son into this world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. You did not send Your Son into this world to condemn it, but to save it. As He is risen from the dead, He has set us free and secured us a place in Your kingdom. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **SANCTUS** (Spoken)

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**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He, that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**People:** 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.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI (Sing)**

**People:** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Be seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**1) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Piano/Organ Duet)**

**2) "Eat This Bread" LSB #638 St. 1 & 2**

**People:** Refrain

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

**1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain**

**2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain**

*Stand*

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**People:** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**Pastor:** We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for the blessings You have given us to eat and drink in the Sacrament. You give us all good things through Your promises. We praise You for removing our sins and strengthening our faith by the Holy Supper. Move us to rejoice always in Your many gifts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** May God be gracious to us and bless us

**People:** **and make His face to shine upon us.**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” LSB #895, St. 1-3**

**1 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 mothers’ arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**2 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 in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!**

**3ΔAll 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.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Charles Haynes**

**Special Music:**

**The Beautiful Savior Choir**

**Pianist:**

**Glenn Brown**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will gather each Sunday at 8:30am to go through this oft-misunderstood book of the Bible, and the hope we have in Christ at the end.**

**Women's Weekly Bible Study: will have their next meeting will be Nov. 27th at noon, we will study. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!**

**New Member Class:** Pastor is looking to offer new member classes for anyone interested in joining our congregation. If interested please connect with him after church. Classes would last five weeks and would begin in November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Midweek Services:** Begin Nov 29<sup>th</sup> with services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. In our Midweek worship series for Advent, "The Light of Grace", we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace. Through Scripture, song and reflections, we are reminded that Jesus makes his grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, and Elizabeth. We will also have dinner each week before the evening service starting at 6:00pm.

**Christmas Paint and Sip:** Saturday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Join us as we gather to paint our 2023 Christmas Painting and share a continental breakfast with mimosas and wine! Sign up in the Narthex starting on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats.

**Fellowship Hour:** If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

**Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically"** can now do so by going to: [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](https://easytithe.com/BSLCTempe).

On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list. The funds are: General budget, LWML, Missions, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education.



## **HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING**

*It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself." (I Corinthians 11:28-29).*

*Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and "worthy" when they:*

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

***If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.***

*Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:*

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
  - *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses.*
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*