

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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.

~Colossians 3:17~



Calvary Lutheran Church

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9545 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD

November 26th, 2020

Prelude

Gathering Hymn

Come, You Thankful People, Come



1 Come, you 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 your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is 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 all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does 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 your 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 your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Call to Worship

- P: Let all who are gathered here lift high praise to our Creator that he may crown the year with his goodness. For from God comes every good and perfect gift: the rich soil, the smell of fresh-turned earth, the keenness of the winter's frost, the rumble of the machine, the gleam of a cutting blade; the blistered hand, the sweat of the brow, the skill of those who plow; the beauty of a clean-cut furrow, the sweep of a well-plowed field; all reveal the mind of the Creator, and the restoring work he continues to bring about through His Son Jesus. Blessed be God in all his gifts, and holy in all his works.
- C: **We praise you, O God, for all that you have given us and for all the ways you continue to meet our needs. As we labor in our various industries and fields we ask that our work would bring glory to your name and that the fruits of our labor would remind us of your goodness.**
- P: Let us then gather before God to bring him praise and to seek his continuing gift of forgiveness and salvation.



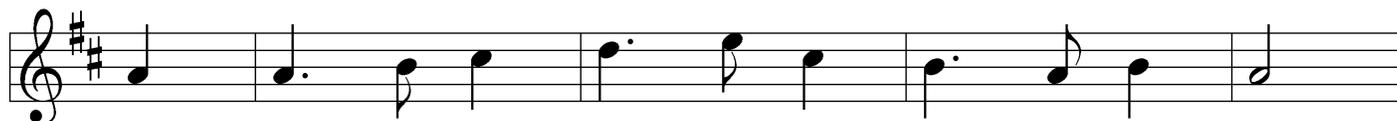
IN EVERYTHING
give thanks

Hymn of Praise

We Praise You, O God LW 494



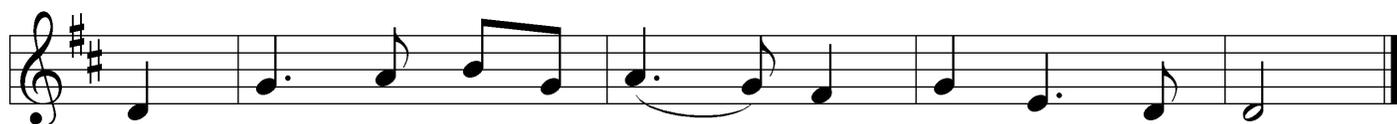
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

First Reading

Joel 2:21-27

The first reading is from Joel, the second chapter.

21 Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things! **22** Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. **23** Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. **24** The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. **25** "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm — my great army that I sent among you. **26** You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. **27** Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? **28** “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Middaugh

Prayers of the People

P: Claimed by Christ and filled with God's grace and hope, let us offer our prayers for the world, the church, and for all people according to their needs.

(a brief silence)

P: Let us pray for the one, holy catholic, and apostolic church, that God's pilgrim people would be inspired with thankful hearts and grateful lives. God of love,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray for the human family, that we would find delight in our diversity and find unity in our efforts to strive for justice and peace. God of love,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray for those who lead music and worship, that lifting hearts, hands and voices, we may proclaim God's greatness. God of love,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray for those who are sick and homebound that they would find reasons to bless God in their lives. God of love,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray for the great challenges of the world around us, for peace in places that know no peace, for safety for those in danger, for comfort for those who mourn.

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Claimed by Christ, let us pray in thanksgiving for all who have died in faith and that we also would have the hope of joining them in the heavenly kingdom. God of love,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal; hear these petitions of your faithful people as we present them before you; and by your grace, grant us those things you see that we need; for the sake of our sovereign redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

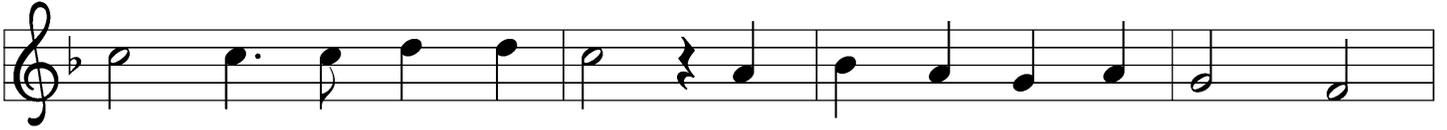
Dismissal and Benediction

P: Go in peace to be the bearers of God's love in the name of God's chosen one, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

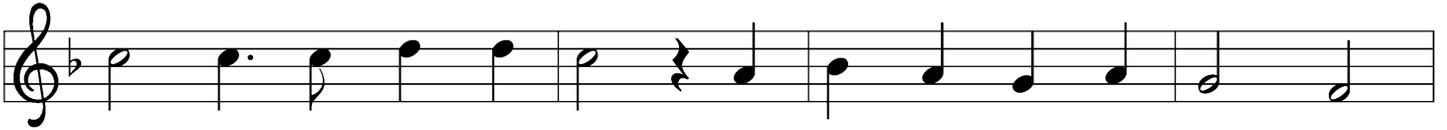
C: **And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and always. Amen.**

Hymn

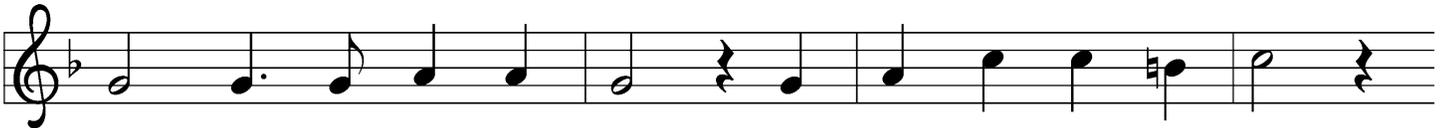
Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Postlude

Participants:

Pastor

Reverend Michael Middaugh

Minister of Music

Brian Priebe

Organist/Pianist

Toku Kawata

Singers

Nancy Dydak, Lori Schwartz



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