



Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship
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Augustana Lutheran Church welcomes you to this special Thanksgiving worship service. Following worship, the celebration continues for everyone! All are welcome downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a bite of pie at the 46th Annual Pie Fest.

Thanksgiving Eve worship is livestreamed especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by redirecting the cameras to other views during communion.

Prelude

Two Thanksgiving Hymns:

“We Gather Together” – Dutch Folk Song, arr. Gary Lanier

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” – George J. Elvey, arr. Gary Lanier

Kirsten Daniel, flute; Kent Mueller, cello;

David Vogels, organ, guest organist

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

-From Psalm 67:4-6, NRSVue

Please bring your canned goods forward during the hymn and place them on the stairs to the communion altar. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

The assembly stands.

Opening Hymn and Procession of Canned Food

ELW 679: **For the Fruit of All Creation**

AR HYD Y NOS



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, **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.**

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ “Simple Gifts” –arr. Carl Strommen

Cherub Choir, Choristers and Cantabile

First Reading ♦ Deuteronomy 26:1–11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹“When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 100: **All Creatures that on Earth Now Dwell**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Mary Louise Bringle

Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561



1. All crea - tures that on earth now dwell
2. Yet not with cheer - ful songs a - lone,
3. For this is what our God re - quires:
4. For God has told us what is good;
5. Praise God, whose call still speaks this day.



sing out with bold and cheer - ful voice!
and not with bright but i - dle dreams;
that each walk hum - bly as a child,
com - pas - sion is for - ev - er sure.
Praise Ho - ly Spir - it, wind and fire.



Serve God with joy, let prais - es swell,
our deeds must make our wor - ship known:
in ser - vant love, as Christ in - spires,
This truth from days of old has stood
Praise Christ, our Truth, our Life, our Way.



as one in bod - y we re - joice.
let jus - tice roll like might - y streams!
till all the world is rec - on - ciled.
and shall from age to age en - dure.
All crea - tures, come to join God's choir!

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Second Reading ♦ Philippians 4:4–9

A reading from Philippians.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel ♦ John 6:25–35

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus taught the crowds, saying:] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Michael Tassler

The assembly stands.

Hymn ♦ ELW 689: **Praise and Thanksgiving**

BUNESSAN



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

All offerings given this evening will go to ELCA World Hunger, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty here in the United States and around the world. Thank you for your generosity!



“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” –arr. Jeremy J. Bankson

Chancel Choir, Augustana Ringers, Assembly

Steven Aguilo-Arbueas, guest director



All: Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the
Choir: All the world is God's own field, fruit as
Choir: For the Lord our God shall come and shall
All: E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come bring thy



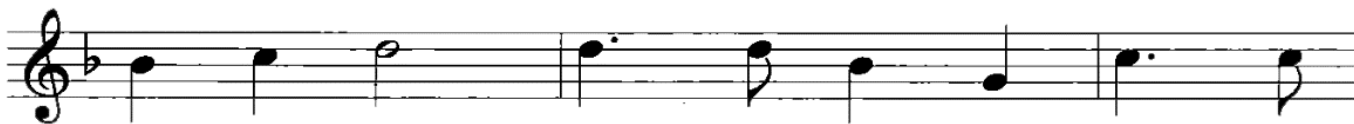
song of har - vest home. All is safe - ly
praise to God we yield; wheat and tares to -
take the har - vest home; from the field shall
fi - nal har - vest home. Gath - er thou thy



gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
geth - er sown, are to joy or sor - row grown.
in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
giv - ing an - gels charge at last in the fire the
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - sence



be sup - plied. Come to God's own tem - ple,
shall ap - pear. Lord of har - vest, grant that
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
to a - bide. Come, with all thine an - gels,



come; raise the song of har - vest home.
we whole - some grain and pure may be.
store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, and written in 1844, *alt.* (PD).

Tune and Harmonization: *ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*, George Job Elvey, 1816–1893, and written in 1858 (PD).

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Litany of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors.

Thank you, God.

For human life;
for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

Thank you, God.

For children;
for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and startling frankness;
for their sudden sympathies;

Thank you, God.

For the young;
for their high hopes;
for their irreverence toward worn-out values;
for their search for freedom;
for their solemn vows;

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old;
for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure;
and for time made precious by its passing;

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;
for healing our diseases;
for preserving us in temptation and danger;

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called;
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord;

We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit,
who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;
who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We praise you, God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and lives again as our hope and salvation;
for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;

**We thank and praise you, Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

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Blessing

The blessing of the God who gives every good gift,
the Source of Abundance, the Word of Gratitude ✠,
and the Spirit of Generosity,
be with you and fill your heart with thanksgiving and peace. **Amen.**

Hymn ♦ ELW 840: **Now Thank We All Our God** NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

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;

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with count-less 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 ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ♦ “Now Thank We All Our God”

–Johann Cruger, arr. Gary Lanier

All are welcome downstairs in Fellowship Hall for the 46th Annual Pie Fest.

Thanksgiving Eve Ministries

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Welcome!

- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. The Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the Giving page at Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- From Christ Chapel, restrooms and water stations are located at the north end of the hallway leading from Christ Chapel. Restrooms and water stations are also located downstairs beneath the west sanctuary entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.

- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.



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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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