

# THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

## 7 PM NOVEMBER 26, 2025

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share God's love  
with all people*



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Pastor

All Members of the Church  
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# ORDER of WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Eve 7pm

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

## PRELUDE

Diane Dangerfield

## GREETING

We come before God, offering our gifts of thanks and praise.

**Accept the gifts we bring.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING HYMN - #693 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

**THANKSGIVING RESPONSIVE READING (Psalms 100 & 150)**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. Amen.

HYMN – #879 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1, 4-5)

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

CHOIR – “Praise to the Lord”

#### THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

HYMN – #679 “*For the Fruit of All Creation*”

#### THE PRAYERS

Lord of our salvation, we give you thanks and praise for the countless blessings we receive from your hand, the blessings of home and family, food and shelter, work and friends.

Teach us to be truly thankful, not only on this day, but every day.

Lord of our salvation, we give you thanks and praise for defeating our enemies of sin, death, and the devil, and bringing us safely into your kingdom.

Help us to speak freely of your love for your children and of the forgiveness and salvation we have in your name.

Lord of our salvation, we pray for those who find it difficult to give thanks, those who are surrounded by illness and worry, by fear and guilt; we pray especially

for.....and for all we name silently before you... (*brief silence*) ... Hold them in your tender care.

Give us opportunities to show our gratitude to you by serving those who need to experience your love through our comfort and help.

Lord of our salvation, teach us to sing with all the saints: "*The Lord is our strength and our song, and he has become our salvation!*"

Thank the Lord! Amen.

## THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR – "*Prayer of Thanksgiving*"

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**