



Thornville Community Thanksgiving

Grace Lutheran Church
November 23, 2022
7:00pm

Watchword and Welcome: *The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.* - Psalm 145:15 ESV

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Blue Hymnal 771

Thanksgiving Dialog (based on Psalm 118)

Thomas Jacobson

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

R: for his steadfast love endures forever!

L: Let Israel say,

R: "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: Let the house of Aaron say,

R: "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: Let those who fear the Lord say,

R: "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

R the Lord answered me and set me free.

L: The Lord is on my side;

R: I will not fear.

L: What can man do to me?

R: The Lord is on my side as my helper;

L: It is better to take refuge in the Lord

R: than to trust in princes.

L: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,

R: but the Lord helped me.

L: The Lord is my strength and my song;

R: he has become my salvation.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

R: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

R: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Thanksgiving Praise (adapted from Psalms 66 and 107)

P: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful all the earth!

Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth bows down before you and sings to you, singing out your name."

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new to us every morning, and you abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, though we have not deserved your goodness. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ESV Melodie Rezac

¹"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Song: "Thank You, Lord"

Lee Crader

Gospel Reading: John 6:25-35 ESV Douglas Lynn
²⁵When they found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Sermon Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 ESV Victoria Burgoon
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon Victoria Burgoon

Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Green Hymnal 499

Offering Time
(Loose offering will go to the Community Emergency Assistance Fund; envelopes and checks will go to their respective congregations.)

Solo: "O Jesus, Let My Eyes Be Opened"
Thomas Jacobson

Prayers Douglas Lynn and Melodie Rezac

Lord's Prayer
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.

Benediction Melodie Rezac
L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with

everything good that you may do his will, working in us
that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Green Hymnal 534

Dismissal

Douglas Lynn

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



Thanks to the pastors and church leaders who participated
in our community Thanksgiving service:

Victoria Burgoon: Thornville United Methodist Church

Lee Crader: South Shore Ministries

Thomas Jacobson: Grace Lutheran Church

Douglas Lynn: South Shore Ministries

Melodie Rezac: Trinity United Church of Christ

Pie and coffee provided by Grace Lutheran Church will be
served in the Cleo and Louise Franks Fellowship Hall after
worship.