A Service of Thanksgiving

November 25, 2026 | 7:00 PM
November 26, 2026 | 9:30 AM

St. Johns
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME

INVOCATION
In the name of God, our Heavenly Father
Our Creator and Provider.

In the name of God, the Son
Our Savior and Advocate.

In the name of God, the Spirit
Our Counselor and Guide.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" **LSB 892, vv. 1-2, 4**
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.

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.

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.
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PSALM **Psalm 107**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
For His steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.
Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!

For He satisfies the longing soul
And the hungry soul He fills with good things.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
For His steadfast love endures forever!

PSALM RESPONSE
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **LSB 805**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

Heavenly Father,
we confess our sins and repent of our thanklessness. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within each of us, that we may know the fullness of Your Love, and reflect that love in thankful living.

As God's people, we have done nothing to deserve His love. We rejoice that out of His steadfast love, God forgives us through the sacrifice of Jesus. Upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" LSB 893, vv. 1, 3

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 8:1-10

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1 "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. 2 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. 3 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 that comes from the mouth of the
Lord. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell
these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his
son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So you shall keep the
commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by
fearing him.

[7]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, [8]a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, [9]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. [10]And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM (7:00)
"Give Thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 118:1, 22-24) Dr. Katie Rolf

EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-13
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[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [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, 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. [9]What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. God's Provision [10]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. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12]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. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 17:11-19**
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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY **"Now Thank We All Our God"** **LSB 895**
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.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd 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!

All 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.
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SERMON **“The Heart of Thanks”** **Pastor Barry**

+ Sermon Notes +

NICENE CREED
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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Praise You, O God" LSB 785, vv. 1, 3

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.

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!

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundant blessing, You provide us with every good gift. Teach us to share abundantly with others what we first experience ourselves, that Your love may be visible through our generosity. Bless these gifts we bring before You in love and use them for Your glory.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God, we come before You on behalf of those who this day are hungry, homeless, oppressed, sick, or sorrowful. Relieve and restore them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

This day we pause and remember to give thanks for all Your blessings of body and soul which You shower upon us. We give You thanks for many things that we frequently overlook and forget… (*silence for individual expressions of thanks*.) Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this great land we thank You, almighty God, and pray that You would guide those who create, administer and judge our laws; guard and protect those who willfully stand in harm's way to protect and guard our communities here and abroad, Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for Your precious Word and holy Sacraments, and ask that You would continue to bless Your Church around the world that it may grow in faith and numbers. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI "The Peace of the Lord"
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

· Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion.
· If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.
· Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.
· For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.
· Individual cups may be deposited in the wooden box on the wall.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. ***Repeat***

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. ***Repeat***

Give thanks, give thanks.

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HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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HYMN "Lord to You, Immortal Praise" LW 496, vv. 1, 4

Lord, to You immortal praise For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let Your praise our tongues employ.
All to You, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.

As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of the best
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Lord, to you immortal praise."

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" LSB 632

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

O Lord, all things are Yours, and Your goodness provides for us more than we deserve or dare to even ask for. Equip our hearts with Your Spirit, that we may learn gratitude and offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have provided, most of all for the treasure of salvation that is ours through the merits of Christ, our Savior, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "For the Fruits of His Creation" LSB 894, vv. 1, 3

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Barry
Liturgist: Pastor Snow
Organist: Kristin Johnson
Choir: 7:00 Women's Choir
Choir Director: Katie Rolf

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte:	7:00 Paityn Wolter/9:30 Hanna Stewart
Communion Assistants:	7:00 Gayle Degler, Chris Hammons, Dante Langmade 9:30 Brian Honebrink, Grant Narkie, Pete Siedelman
Elders:	7:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Bruce Bergo
Welcome Team:	7:00 Gayle Degler/9:30 Gary Herber
Tech Crew:	7:00 Eickhoff Family/9:30 Julie Bruce
Banner:	Joan Bode

Thank you for worshiping with St. John's today!
If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.

+ Advent & Christmas at St. John's +

ADVENT WORSHIP

Midweek Advent Worship
Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16 | 4:15 & 6:30 PM
Advent supper served 5:00–6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Choral Vespers
Sunday, Dec. 6 | 6:30 PM

Sundays in Advent
Nov. 29 & Dec. 6, 13 & 20 | 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM*
*Dec. 13: Sunday School Christmas Service at 11:00 AM replaces the 10:45 AM service.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Time to Grow Christmas Program
Thursday, Dec. 10 | 6:30 PM

Sunday School Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 13 | 11:00 AM

Day School K–8 Christmas Services
Thursday, Dec. 17 | 6:00 & 7:15 PM
K–4: Last names L–Z at 6:00 PM; A–K at 7:15 PM. Grades 5–8 participate in both services.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
Thursday, Dec. 24 | 2:00 & 4:00 PM
2:00 PM service livestreamed

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
Thursday, Dec. 24 | 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship with Communion
Friday, Dec. 25 | 9:30 AM