

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3220 Columbus Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123

A THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

7:00pm

November 24, 2021

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"

by Michael Burkhardt

*The prelude and postlude are two different treatments of the hymn tune Nun Danket Alle Gott. The prelude is by American composer Michael Burkhardt (1957 - ). The postlude is by German organist and composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933).*

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*[Silence for reflection and self-examination]*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN 693 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE - THIS IS THE FEAST



S 149

Assisting minister: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## FIRST READING: Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

R: The Word of The Lord.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY Psalm 100

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**C: 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.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**C: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: The Word of The Lord.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 151a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 17th chapter of Luke.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus[a] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

**ANTHEM** (Chancel Chorale) "Thanksgiving!"

by John Ness Beck

For seedtime and harvest and the good will of men,  
we give thanks to God the Father once again;  
for shelter in winter, for the thaw in the spring,  
our praise and thanksgiving to Lord we now bring.

For those we have loved who have gone before  
through that shining bright celestial door;  
for all who shall follow in their place, we implore  
Thy continuing saving grace.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**SERMON**

Pastor Seth Jersild

**HYMN 870 "We Praise You, O God"**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: Hear our prayer.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you, And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE 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.

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

## BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN** Now Thank We All Our God

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert



### **Serving Today:**

Pastor Seth Jersild

Mark Meuser, Organist

Reader: Karen Jersild

Acolyte: Corban Allman

Altar Guild: Mel & Carol Penrod

Communion Assistant: Karen Jersild