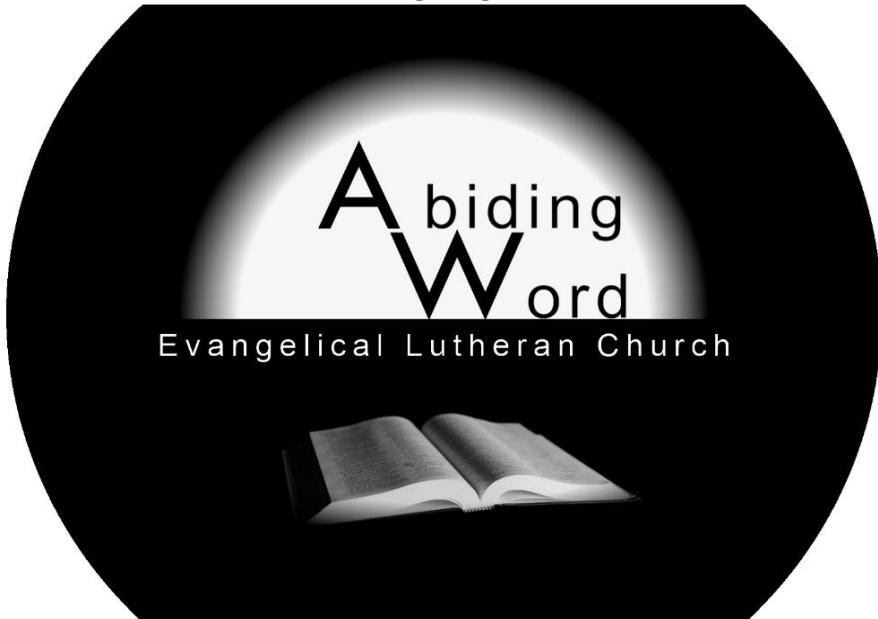


November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Thanksgiving Eve



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*

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

**Amen**

God our Father, you made us, and we belong to you. Keep us mindful of your goodness that with thankful hearts we may sing your praise who alone is worthy of honor and glory together with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness;  
**come before him with joyful songs.**

**♪ Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen how all that's needful has been sent by his gracious  
ordaining?**

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

**♪ Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**♪ Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.**

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**♪ Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!**

## **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.**

*be seated*

## **First Lesson** *Genesis 8:18-22*

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds— everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>“As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease.”

## **597 Now Thank We All Our God**

**1** 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 blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love  
and still is ours today.

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**Second Lesson** *James 1:16–18*

<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**597 Now Thank We All Our God**

**2      Oh, may this bounteous God  
         through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
         and blessed 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.**

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*stand*

## **Gospel Lesson** *Luke 19:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

## **597 Now Thank We All Our God**

**3 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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## Confession of Faith *Apostles' Creed - First Article + Meaning*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

*be seated*

### 491 Come, You Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home,



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,



God, our mak - er, shall pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.

**Sermon** *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**491 Come, You Thankful People, Come**



4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har-vest home;  
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.  
Come with all your an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

**Prayer**

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things and declared them good.

**We thank you for all that you created and ask you to make us mindful of all things beautiful and beneficial which you have place into our lives.**

Protector and provider, we thank you for all you give us to keep and preserve our body and life:

**food, shelter, medicine, work, rest, learning and recreation.**

Move us to be quick with loving commendation and praise to build up those who do good to others.

**Make us less eager to criticize and teach us to be loving when we must admonish others.**

Lead us to think on all your loving forgiveness and provision so we may be moved to earnestly live your will in thankfulness and true devotion.

**Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for hearing our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings, our very selves, as our sacrifice of praise. 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.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **932 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended; O be now extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing his children of each tribe and race.**

**One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us  
unite us as one in his life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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