



Thanks
Shared

Guests, we're glad you could be with us and join us in observing this spiritual holiday.

No one should be without a Christian family to enjoy giving and receiving in the new life Jesus died and rose to guarantee us. If you would like to explore what this family holds dear, ask an usher or the pastor. Life gets better at St John's.

What's next?

If you're just getting back to church or looking for a new church, let this be your road map on the journey.

- **Come back next week.** Continue to strengthen your connection to God's Word and his people.
- **Sign up for The Four Key Concepts.** This short course gives you the very basics for a good relationship with God and an introduction to his precious Word, the Bible.
- **Sign up for Bible Inquirer's Class.** This comparative religions course digs into the Bible's basic teachings while letting you see how other religions and denominations, including ours, handle those teachings. You get to see the Bible's own word on these topics and let God's Spirit show you what the Bible says. This is a pre-requisite for membership here because we base membership not on feelings and style but on unity in God's precious truths.

- **Personal Hearing Devices** are available in the pass-through window near the elevator.
- **Please silence** or turn off your cell, for an undisturbed worship hour!
- **Restrooms** are downstairs, through doors on the west wall.
- **For Parents:** If your child is restless during the service, please use the lobby or lower level to quiet him/her down before rejoining worship. Children's worship bags, next to the elevator door, are available for use during the service.
- **Offerings:** Our offerings allow us to participate in God's kingdom work. If you are a guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering. We're just glad you can be here and listen to God's Word with us!
- There are **resources for you and your family** to discover on the display tables in the narthex (lobby). Take home some helpful tools and news – free!

Our Mission Statement

Learn, love, live for Christ!

Thanksgiving

We usually don't have much trouble thinking about some things to be thankful for. It's especially easy to thank God for food, for example, on a day of feasting. Of course, the range of his gifts stretches beyond memory, and sometimes beyond imagination. Let's take some time today to share what we're thankful for. That should open our minds to an even more expansive thanksgiving!

INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN – *Now Thank We All Our God*

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- 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 mother's arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.**
- 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.**
- 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 heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

LITANY OF THANKS

Minister: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

(Ps 122)

Congregation: Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from?

(Ps 121)

C: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth!

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M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

C: His love endures forever.

M: to him who alone does great wonders,

C: His love endures forever.

M: who by his understanding made the heavens,

C: His love endures forever.

M: who spread out the earth upon the waters,

C: His love endures forever.

M: who made the great lights —

C: His love endures forever.

The sun to govern the day,

C: His love endures forever.

M: the moon and starts to govern the night;

C: His love endures forever.

M: to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

C: His love endures forever.

M: and brought Israel through the midst of it,

C: His love endures forever.

M: but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

C: His love endures forever.

M: to the One who remembered us in our low estate

C: His love endures forever.

M: and freed us from our enemies,

C: His love endures forever.

M: and who gives food to ever creature.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

C: His love endures forever!

CHOIR

Adult Choir (7pm): *Worship God with Music*

by Natalie Sleeth

*Worship God with music! Let it fill the air!
Make the mighty chorus echo everywhere!
Worship God with music, creatures great and small,
Bow in adoration, thanks for blessings all!
Make a joyful, joyful noise, let the organ sound!
Tell the goodness of the Lord everywhere around!
Worship God with music now and evermore!
Let the jubilation reach from shore to shore!*

*Worship God with music, psalms and anthems raise,
Songs of celebration, hymns of grateful praise!
Worship God with music, tune the flute and string,
Blow the shiny trumpet, lift your voice and sing!
Make a joyful, joyful noise, let the organ sound!
Tell the goodness of the Lord everywhere around!
Worship God with music, notes and harmony,
Glory, hallelujah to the Deity!*

*O God of rhyme and rhythm, of words and melody,
Creator, Lord and Spirit who sings through history,
Be with your grateful people who celebrate today,
With instruments and voices, to bring you praise always!*

Children and Teens (9am): *Give Thanks Canon*

by Donald Moore

*We give thanks and praise your name;
Come, all you thankful people come.*

*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.*

Physical Gifts

- 1. 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.**
- 2. God makes the clouds rain goodness; the deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness; the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.**
- 3. 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.**

Mental/Emotional Gifts

- 1. Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous source of every joy, let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.**
- 2. All the plenty summer pours, autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain -
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.**

- 3. Peace, prosperity, and health, private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, true religion's holier beams -
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.**
- 4. As your prospering hand has blest, may we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love for your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise!"**

Family

HYMN – *We Thank You for Your Blessings*

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- 1. We thank you for your blessings, almighty Lord, our King;
We thank you for the harvests, yes, Lord, for everything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, for rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, and for the gentle rain.**
- 2. This day of great thanksgiving we count them one by one:
Our free and fruitful country, the great things you have done,
Our family, our loved ones, the guardian angels' care,
Our very self and heartbeat – Lord, hear our thankful prayer!**
- 3. But best of all your blessings, the rainbow of your love,
Are all the many mercies your Word brings from above.
Our life now has full meaning – Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living the way the Savior trod.**

Spiritual Gifts

HYMN – *For the Fruit of His Creation*

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- 1. For the fruit of his creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2. In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**
- 3. 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.**

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

This is a good time to sign the Friendship Registers. Please share as much as you would like, ask a question, indicate change in contact information, etc.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 103

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits —

M: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

M: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

M: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

C: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

M: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

C: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

M: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

C: for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

M: As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

C: the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

M: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children —

C: with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

M: The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

C: and his kingdom rules over all.

M: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

C: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

M: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

All: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN – *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

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- 1. 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.
- 2. We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.**
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer;**
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore’er be praise!

Serving in God's House Today

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Jerry Dittbenner (9am)
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Join us for worship this Sunday as we ponder the final part in our series, *Revelation's View of the End: The New Home of Righteousness!*

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