

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Lunch & Hymn Sing – Wednesday, Oct 14th at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Painting with Bob – Wednesday, Oct 21st at 1 pm. All supplies are provided.

INTRODUCTION

Thanksgiving. Crops harvested and gathered in. Ripened tomatoes picked from the vine. Evening frosts and crimson leaves. Family feasts and tables brimming with turkey and potatoes and pumpkin pie. And the question hums, "What are you thankful for?"

The reality is that not every table brims with the fatness of rich food; not every home brims with laughter and full family tables where everyone gets along.

God, who cares for every minute detail, who is present and attentive to the needs of our every fleeting moment, is present with us in all things. Present and past and future, drought and plenty, worry and joy – God is with us to care for our every need. And we give thanks!

THANKSGIVING LITANY AND SONGS (text by +Trish Schmermund, 2026, free to use)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Come, let us give thanks to God,
for the gifts of this earth
and the abundance of creation.

**We give thanks to God,
the giver of every good gift.**

For the soil beneath our feet,
for fields and forests, rivers and oceans,
for seed and harvest, rain and sunshine,
for all that grows and gives life:

We give you thanks, O God.

Teach us to care for the earth entrusted to us.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!

All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,

Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

For the food on our tables,
for those who grow it, harvest it,
prepare it, transport it, and share it,
and for all whose work makes our daily lives possible:

We give you thanks, O God.

Make us mindful of those who do not have enough.

For our families, friends, neighbours, and communities,
for First Peoples who tend the land:

We give you thanks, O God.

Hold us together in love.

For those who are lonely, grieving, hungry, displaced, or afraid;
 for those who struggle to find a place at the table;
 for those who wonder whether there is enough for them:
We give you thanks, O God,
and we ask you to make us instruments of your generous love.

"For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679 - v 1 & 2



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

For the church,
 for the people who gather to worship,
 for those who teach and learn,
 for those who pray and sing,
 for those who quietly serve,
 and for all who share the Gospel in word and deed:
We give you thanks, O God.
Strengthen us to be your people in the world.

For the work of ministry,
for the courage to try new things,
for the patience to walk together,
for the grace to forgive,
and for the hope that continues even
when the path ahead is uncertain:
We give you thanks, O God.
Give us courage, wisdom, and joy for the journey.

For Jesus Christ,
who gathers us around Word and Sacrament,
who calls us to love our neighbour,
and who reminds us that we are never alone:
We give you thanks, O God,
for your love revealed in Christ.

And for this day,
for breath in our bodies,
for people beside us,
for work worth doing,
for opportunities to serve,
for lessons learned,
for beginnings and endings,
and for all that we have received and all that we are able to give:
We give you thanks, O God.
Everything we have is gift.
Everything we are, is held in your grace.

SOLO "Goodness of God"

All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Generous God, receive our thanksgiving.
Turn our gratitude into generosity,
our abundance into sharing,
our faith into action,
and our love into welcome.
**Make us grateful people,
not only with our words, but with our lives. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Philippians: 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

One Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,
Two whatever is honorable,
All whatever is just,
One whatever is pure,
Two whatever is pleasing,
All whatever is commendable,

One if there is any excellence
Two and if there is anything worthy of praise,
All think about these things.
One Keep on doing the things you have learned
Two and received and heard,
All and seen in Christ.
One and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God!

"Ten Thousand Reasons" ACS 1097 / binder

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all ... your
 end ... draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep ... on ... sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

READING: Colossians 3:12–17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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A REFLECTION ON GIVING THANKS

"If you are a Christian, should it show?" What does faith look like?

Our faith is not simply a head thing. It is not just a set of beliefs that we hold to be true. Faith is instead a way of living, a way of being in the world. This means that our question is not so nonsensical after all. Should it show? Yes, it should show. Our faith should be shown in what we do and say; it should be shown in the choices we make and the priorities we set. It should be shown in our habits and in our coming together to worship God.

All of that is true. But I think there is something more—something more that should show because of our faith; something more that should be in us and come out from us, so that everyone around us sees that something. That something is *gratitude*.

We are the ones who live thankfully, who live aware of what others have done and are doing for us. We acknowledge a debt, a relationship, a "being with" that others might not recognize. Gratitude is what should show to the rest of the world, as we live and move and have our being—not, however, a begrudging gratitude or a thankfulness pulled out of us by a stern parent leaning down to ask us, "Now, what do you say?" Ours is exuberant gratitude that reflects our wonder at being alive in this interwoven world.

"O God, Beyond All Praising" ELW 880 - v 1 & 3

1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has a '1' below the first note, and the second staff has a '3' below the first note, indicating different versions of the hymn. The score ends with a double bar line.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "We Cannot Do This Alone"

"We Praise You O God" ELW 870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you,

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious and generous God, we thank you for the gift of life and for all that sustains us. We thank you for food and clean water, warm homes and safe shelter, family and friends, parents, children, and grandchildren. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the beauty and abundance of Canada and for the responsibility of caring for this land. We remember with gratitude the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have cared for these lands and waters through the generations. Teach us to walk together in truth, justice, respect, and reconciliation. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry, lonely, ill, grieving, discouraged, or without secure housing especially Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Jill, Shirley J., Jody, Mo, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, Cherylee, Elda, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Make us attentive to their needs, and give us the courage to respond with kindness. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Bless its ministries, its leaders, and all who serve. Strengthen Ecumenical Campus Ministry, the soup kitchen, Creative Fingers, the congregational council, the worship team, coffee fellowship, Bible studies, and those who care for homebound people. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When we take your gifts for granted, turn our hearts back to you. When we try to carry every burden alone, remind us that we belong to one another. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and love. Hold in your care Cliff & Anne Elle and Dave Elliott, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us to the table and makes us one body. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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Beloved, as you go from this place, may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding surround you, centering your minds on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise and empowering you to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SENDING SONG "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 840



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

SENDING

Go out with hearts full of thankfulness to God.

Amen! Thanks be to God.

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