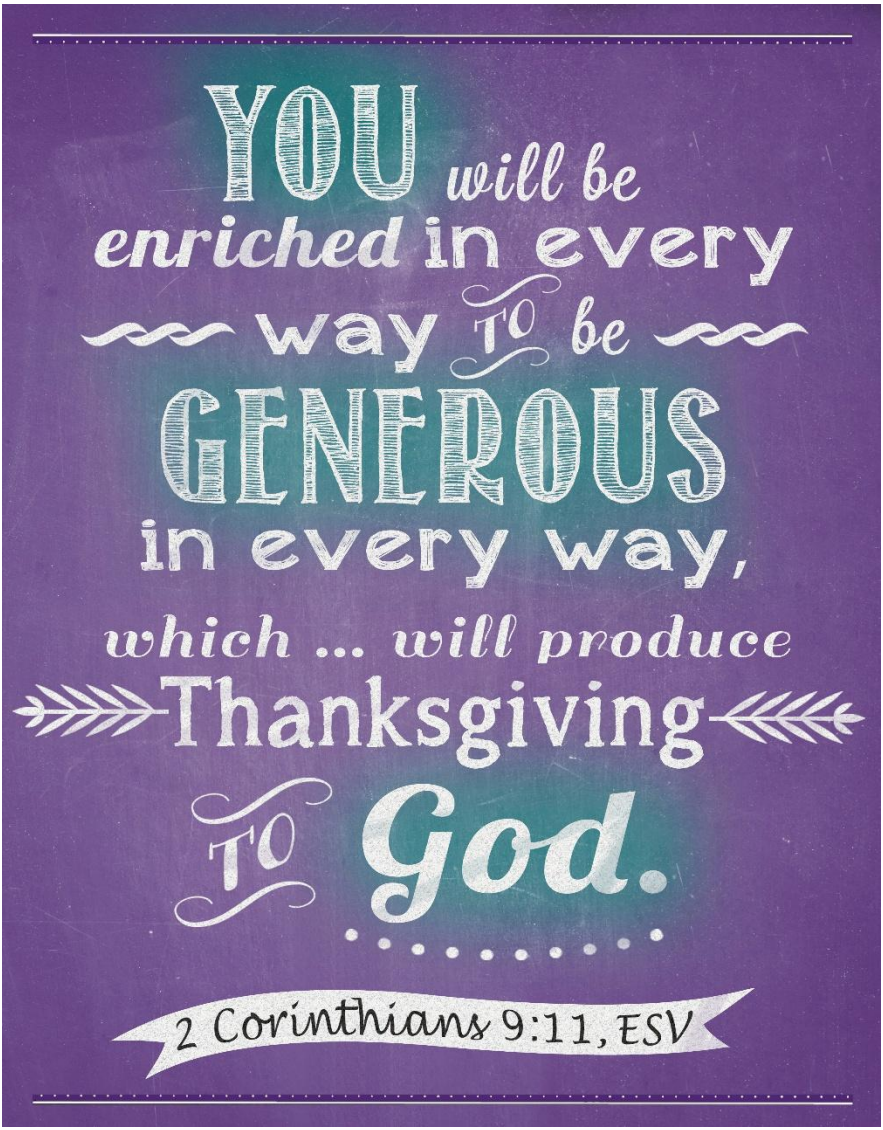
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Thanksgiving Day



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Pre-Service Meditation:

2 Corinthians 9:8 [8] And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Prayer: O Father from whom all blessings flow, we thank You and praise You for all the bounty with which You have blessed Your people. We thank You for providing our daily bread. We thank You for a place in which to worship You. We thank You for the people You have brought together in this place. But most importantly, we thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, into our flesh that He might take the curse of sin for us and grant us forgiveness. Almighty God, You have showered us with Your grace. May we, by Your Spirit, share that grace with those who need it. May it come forward in our offerings, the use of our talents, or in sharing the Gospel. May it all be done to Your glory and praise. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. Amen.

Opening: **TLH 574 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P We have come together to worship the Lord our God, to hear His Word, and to praise Him for His goodness.

C **He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness.

C **We will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.**

P It is good to praise the Lord and make music to His name.

C **To proclaim His love in the morning and His faithfulness at night.**

P Lift up your hearts to the God Who gives all good things!

C **We raise our voices in praise to Him!**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing Giver of every good gift, we implore You to dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, so that by grace we poor sinners may be turned to You and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.

P Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C **Sing to the Lord, bless His name. Tell of His salvation from day to day.**

P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

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.

P Sing aloud to God our Strength. Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
C **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**
P Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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.

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 14:26-34

26 " In the fear of the LORD *there is* strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, To turn *one* away from the snares of death. 28 In a multitude of people *is* a king's honor, But in the lack of people *is* the downfall of a prince. 29 *He who is* slow to wrath has great understanding, But *he who is* impulsive exalts folly. 30 A sound heart *is* life to the body, But envy *is* rottenness to the bones. 31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy. 32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But *what is* in the heart of fools is made known. 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people.

To God our gracious Father, Who made us "very good,"
To Christ, Who, when we wandered, Forgave us through His blood,
And to the Holy Spirit, Who does upon us pour
His blessed gifts and goodness, Be praise forevermore.

Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-29

24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" 26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the

Father has set His seal on Him." [28] Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

TLH 36 ***Now Thank We All Our God***

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH 568 We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator

Sermon 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

[6] But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. [9] As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." [10] Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, [11] while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality,

which causes thanksgiving through us to God. [12] For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, [13] while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*, [14] and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. [15] Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

1. Remember what God has done for you

2. Remember that you get what you sow

Offertory:

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.

Hymn: **TLH 572 Praise to God, Immortal Praise**

Offering of Thankful Hearts – TLH 644 The Doxology

Prayer & 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

Hymn: **Insert: We Sing the Almighty Power of God**

Benediction

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
C just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
P having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.
C In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Eph 1:3-7)
P In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance.
C Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: **WS 792 Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise!"

Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **December Schedule:** Our Advent Candlelight Service is scheduled for December 17th at 6:30pm.

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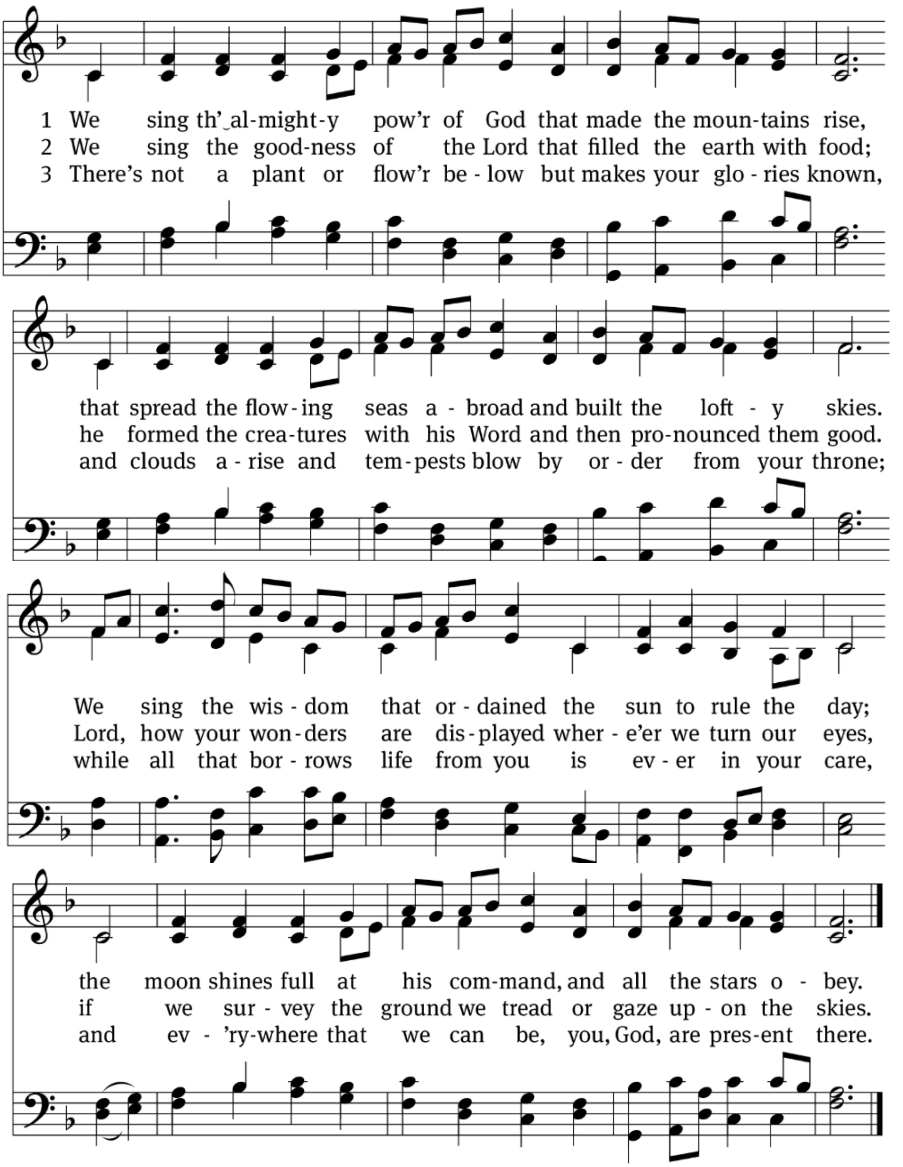
Sunday, November 29th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, December 6th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, December 13th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30



We Sing the Almighty Power of God **504**



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