



Thanksgiving Eve
November 24th, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Lay Minister: Mark Borchardt

Organist: Charlotte Cole
Acolyte: Jaxon Edwards

Prelude: Organ/Piano Duet w/ Donna Schilling "Ode to Thanksgiving" John M. Rasley

Apostolic Greeting

Opening Hymn: **We Praise You, O God** LBW # 241

Thanksgiving Litany Based on Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, We were like those who dream.

C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

L: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

C: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!

L: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

C: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

L: Let us begin the day by rejoicing!

C: Let us acknowledge our Lord's love and concern and allow our bodies to break forth into happy hilarity!

L: The Lord has done such wonderful things for us;

C: Let us be glad!

L: The day before us is uncertain.

C: We know not what we will encounter on our way.

L: While we rejoice with those who rejoice,

C: We shall also weep with those who suffer.

L: While we may be surprised by joy,

C: We may also pass through corridors of darkness.

L: Wherever we go, we go forth as sons and daughters of the living God.

C: And we go forth to touch the lives of people with his healing love.

L: Let us pray,

C: O Lord, We confess that we have not always rejoiced in your gifts. We have not always trusted completely in you. We have not lived as your children and servants. We have often put ourselves ahead of you and others. We have focused on the weeping and failed to live the joyful, abundant life you have called us to. Please forgive us these and all our sins for Jesus' sake and enable us by your mercy and the power of the Holy Spirit to be joyful, knowing we are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: **Not Alone for Mighty Empire**LBW # 437

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:21-27

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Hymn: **All Creatures of Our God and King**LBW # 527 vv. 1,3,5, & 7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon

Hymn: **We Plow the Fields and Scatter**LBW # 362

Apostles' Creed

The Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Prayer (read responsively)

L: Heavenly Father,

C: From whom come all good and perfect gifts,

L: from whom come mercies new each day,

C: from whom come blessings beyond measure:

L: Accept our thanksgiving:

C: for protection and those who provide it,

L: for daily bread and those who prepare it,

C: for clothing and those who manufacture it,

L: for family and those dear to us,

C: for friends and those associated with us,

L: for jobs and those working with us,

C: for social security and support programs.

L: We confess we think too little:

C: about the fact that we deserve nothing,

L: about the many who serve us,

C: about the blessings of Your Spirit.

L: We pray You, forgive our ingratitude,

C: open our eyes to behold Your goodness,

L: fill our hearts with thankfulness,

C: make us respond in appreciation,

L: help us to serve in love.

C: We thank You: through Christ, our Lord,

Your best gift to us. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn: ***In Thee is Gladness***LBW # 552

Chimes and Postlude

Thank you... for joining us in this Thanksgiving Eve worship service. God bless you and our nation as we celebrate Thanksgiving - a day to be thankful for all our blessings!



Thanksgiving Offering...will be added to our Benevolence budget. If your offering is NOT in the Thanksgiving envelope, it will remain at Emmanuel.

The Church building and office... will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday.

You are invited...to order one or more poinsettias in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. The cost is \$15 per plant. Order forms can be picked up in the church office or you may place your order by phone.

Do you need help decorating for the holidays? ...If so, our Logos Legos youth are eager and willing to help. They plan to do this after church on Sunday, December 5th. There is a sign- up sheet in the entrance on the round table. Please sign your name and phone number so they may contact you regarding the details. Thank you!



Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good. —Psalm 100:4-5

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

6:30 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Grafton, Iowa