



Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Psalm 100:4



Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 23, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Milbank, SD

AS WE GATHER

Thanksgiving Day has a high and great meaning for us as Christians, for thanksgiving is grateful acknowledgement for the past and present mercies of God. We have so much for which to thank God—the Word He gives us, which is the living voice of our Lord. Through water and the Word of God, we are brought into His kingdom in Holy Baptism. This is our purpose today—to pray, praise, and give thanks. The foundation of our life, including our prayers, is Jesus Christ. This means that our giving of thanks goes far beyond Thanksgiving Day into every day of our lives. We are compelled to give thanks because of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" (LSB 895)



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662
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Invocation

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

Amen

Psalm 28

¹To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

²Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

³Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts.

⁴Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them

according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward.

⁵Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more.

⁶Blessèd be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

⁸The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

⁹Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-12

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am

content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

¹¹I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. ¹²The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

Special Music
Holy Gospel

Adult Handbells

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Hymn of the Day "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (LSB 575)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face. I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound. Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness: No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace: In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found. Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way. He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone. Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand: All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901
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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

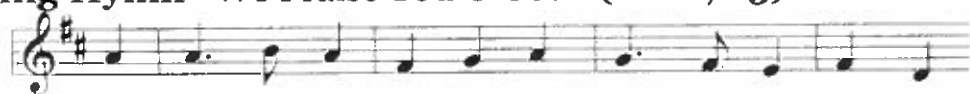
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn “We Praise You O God” (LSB 785)



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor:
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You:
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!

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Tune: Nederlandsch Gedencktaenck, 1626, Haarlem
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Serving in Worship November 23, 2022

Vicar Jacob Friedrich

Organist: Linda Kolb

Sound Tech:

Greeters: Judy Sackreiter, Max Athey

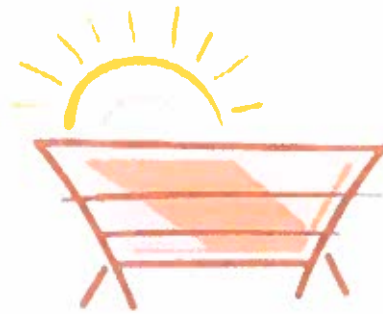
Ushers: Josh Radil, Dewey Athey

Acolyte: Zackary Karges

Upcoming Events at Emanuel Lutheran

- **Advent Services November 30, December 7, and December 14 at 7:00 pm—join us for Advent suppers at 5:30 pm each week.**

- Christmas at the Courthouse – BKSS (Big Kid Sunday School) has decorated a tree at the courthouse with sports equipment and baby supplies. Donations will go toward Orphan Grain Train. Any questions, ask a 5-8th grader!
- **November 26th at 9 AM is Christmas decorating here at the church. We can always use as many hands as we can to complete this large task.**
- December 4th there will be a door offering with proceeds to go towards Pastor Davis' relocation.
- **December 11th at 4PM is church service and Pastor Davis' Installation. Potluck meal to follow!**
- Poinsettias for Christmas- You need to call or fill out a slip by December 20th. Please do not leave a poinsettia until after services on Dec. 18th. Please do not pick up your poinsettia until after service on Christmas Day.
- **There is a Women's Advent Bible study on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM from November 29th through December 20th. They are using the book "The Wonder of Advent" which is available on Amazon. If you need assistance to purchase please contact the office!**



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24th 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

December 24th 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

December 25th 9:00 AM Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

REMINDER: Church service will change to 9:00 AM every Sunday starting December 18th!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!