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& Early Childhood Campus**

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**Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve**

**November 27, 2024**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" LSB 892

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Father,

**C: We thank You for creating the world and everything in it.**

P: Jesus,

**C: We thank You for living the perfect life, dying for our sins, and rising to life again.**

P: Holy Spirit,

**C: We thank You for calling, gathering, educating, and making holy the whole Christian Church on earth.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Matthew 5:3, 6; Jeremiah 20:13*

P: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**C: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**C: For they shall be satisfied.**

P: Lord God,

**C: We confess to You that we often struggle to be thankful for what we have, especially when our hearts and minds are filled with desire for what we don't have. We worry unnecessarily about our future, when in our hearts we know that we are safe in Your hands. Forgive our thanklessness and our sin against You and against our neighbor. Fill us with the joy of Your presence and Your promise of eternal salvation.**

P: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access to His grace by which we now stand. Therefore, by the command of Christ and the power of His cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord; for He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.**

**PSALM**

Ps. 96:1-6

P: Oh sing to 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!

**C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

**KYRIE**

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Gloria In Excelsis"

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 41:41-42:2

*And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus, he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I*

*am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So, Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured. Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house.” The name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.” The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.” So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth. When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

Handbells

## **EPISTLE**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*

*See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSE**

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**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:24-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. “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? Look 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? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But 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? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

“Nicene Creed”

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## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

LSB 893

**SERMON** "Look to Him All the Earth" Genesis 41:4-42:2

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For food, health, clothing, and our homes—all gifts from Your goodness:

**C: Thank You, Lord.**

P: For the freedoms we enjoy and for those who safeguard those freedoms for us:

**C: Thank You, Lord.**

P: For just and compassionate government:

**C: Thank You, Lord.**

P: For pastors, teachers, family, and friends, who proclaim Your Word and forgiveness and show us Your love:

**C: Thank You, Lord.**

P: For doctors, nurses, care givers, and all who provide for the needs of those who are ill or injured:

**C: Thank You, Lord.**

P: For the gifts You give to Your Church:

**C: Thank You, Lord.**

P: For Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.

*(A moment of silence to give thanks to God)*

P: Thank You Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your kingdom, and in whose name we pray.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessing" LSB 782:1

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface** (p. 208)

**Sanctus**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** – "The Peace of the Lord" (p. 209)

**Agnus Dei** – "Lamb of God"

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

"For the Fruits of His Creations" LSB 894

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**Nunc Dimittis** – "Song of Simeon" (p. 211)

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**C: AMEN**

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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