

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 28, 2024
Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m.
Pr. Kristine Isder

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ELW #693

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

OPENING PRAYER

P God, as we gather to worship,

C **remind us of the blessings in our lives, that we would be thankful.**

P God, as we gather for worship,

C **remind us of the ways you have acted in the past, that we would remember.**

P God, as we gather for worship,

C **open in us an attitude of thanksgiving, an awareness of blessed abundance.**

P God, when we leave this time of worship,

C **may our eyes see first the abundance in our lives, may our voices first share the words of thanksgiving. Amen.**

HYMN “For the Fruit of All Creation” ELW #679

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR THANKSGIVING

P Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled.

C **You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second.**

P You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

C **For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.**

... *time of silent prayer* ...

P May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

HYMN “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” ELW #694

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Joel 2:21-27

The prophet Joel understood that a locust plague that ravaged the land of Judah was God's judgment on the people, whom he then called to repentance. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a time when God will bless the land and cause it to produce food in abundance.

PSALM 126

L ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

C ²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

L ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

C ⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

L ⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C ⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Christians are encouraged to offer prayers and thanks for all people, including rulers. We offer such inclusive, far-reaching prayers because God desires to save all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples about the providence of God so that they would regard life with thanksgiving and trust rather than anxiety.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

OFFERING AND JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise and Thanksgiving” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #689

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

BLESSING

P We have prayed, we have listened, we have opened ourselves to God's presence.

**C Now we go out to live as people who remember, who are thankful, who
promise to share God's gifts with the world where we live.**

P Go with God, the Gift Giver; with Christ, the Gift; and with the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be gift givers and gifts in our own way. Be Blessed and be a Blessing.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW #840

DISMISSAL

P For all the blessings we have.

C We thank you God.

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