

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 25, 2021

Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m.

Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Pr. Kristine Isder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTRODUCTION

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Today we come with songs of thanksgiving before our God.

C **God has provided so much—even this beautiful day.**

O God of steadfast love we entered this space today to worship you in gladness. We come into your presence singing your praises. You are our creator; we are your people. Be with us, O God, as we celebrate all of creation: We give thanks for the sun, water, air and winds that nourish your earth which provides the bounty we enjoy. Bless us as we bless your name.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Thanksgiving Day provides an opportunity for us to take stock of God’s blessings, and to reflect on our response to those blessings.

P Our Creator, you have made an intricate and diverse world, and set us to cultivate it reverently and responsibly:

C **Forgive us when we forget our connection with all of creation.**

P Our Creator, you have made a world of abundance and intend for us to share so that all may have their “daily bread”.

C **Forgive us when we lose the sense of hospitality and community.**

P Our Creator, you have sent us Jesus, the “Bread of Life” to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.

C **Forgive us when we do not respond to his justice and mercy.**

P Every day and all day let us celebrate your goodness.

C **Forgive us when we fail to turn to you in prayer.**

P Every day and all day let us shape our very lives by focusing our minds on what is beautiful and worthy of praise.

C **Forgive us when we forget that you make all things possible.**

P We have offered to God the concerns of our hearts and minds. We trust that God not only hears our prayers but in God's almighty wisdom and awareness of our needs does answer our prayers. We are a forgiven people.

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

HYMN "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

ELW #694

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Praise You, O God" ELW #870

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P For these blessings, Lord,

C **we give you thanks.**

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.**

BLESSINGS FOR THANKSGIVING:

P May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.

C **Amen.**

P May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table
with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

C **Amen.**

P May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days
until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

C **Amen.**

P And may almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW #840

DISMISSAL

P For all the blessings we have.

C **We thank you God.**