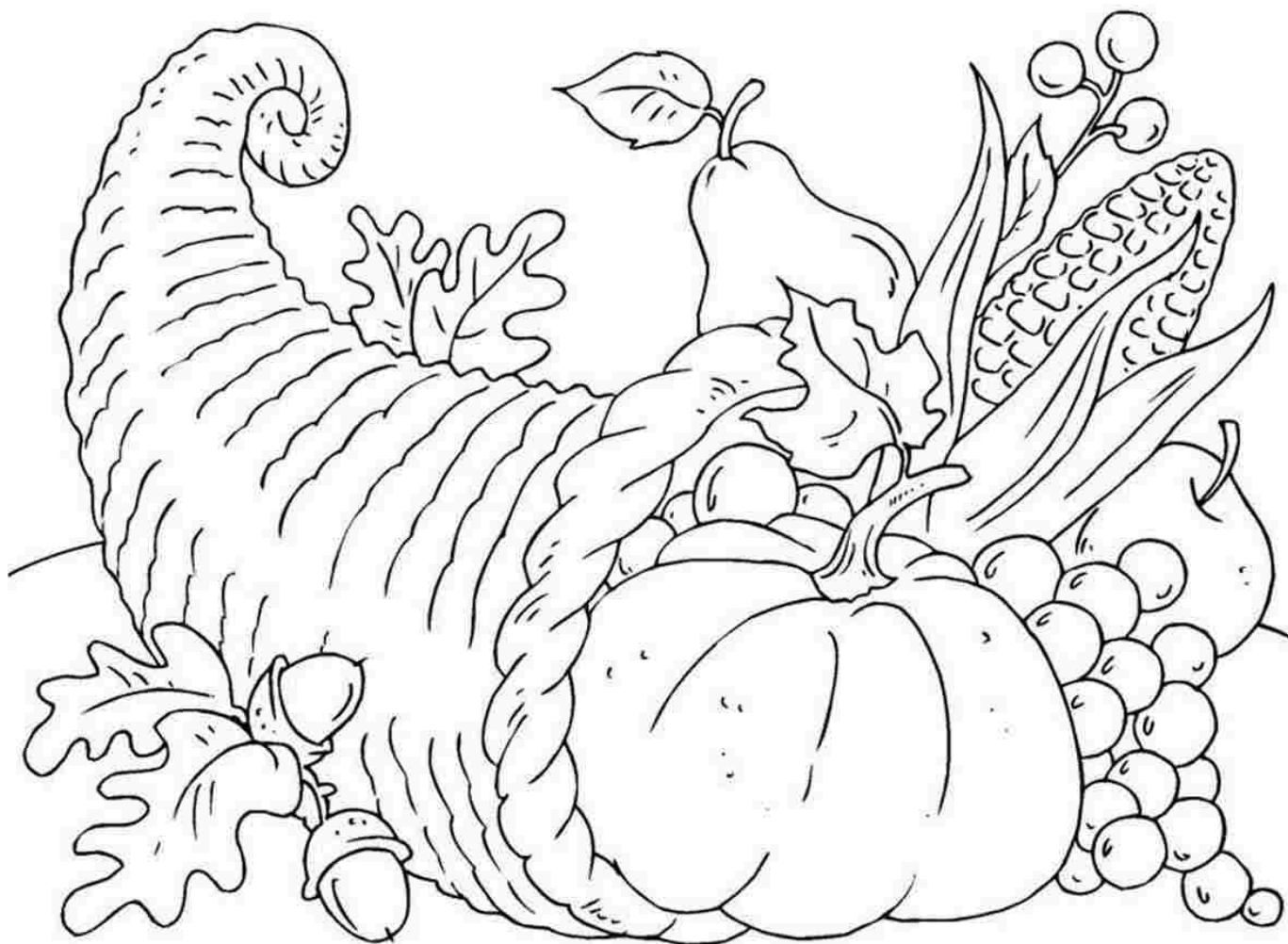


† Thanksgiving Eve †



**“O Give Thanks to the Lord”
Psalm 136**

✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠

“Love the Creator & His Creation Like Jesus”

Saint Luke Lutheran Church | November 23, 2022

Invocation

We gather in the name of our Creator, the maker of heaven and earth, who is present among us and within us—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ✠ **Amen.**

Processional Song ✠ *LSB 785 “We Praise You, O God”*

- ♫ *We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you, we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.* ♪
- ♫ *We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you, through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.* ♪
- ♫ *With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!* ♪

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, make us grateful and thankful people who respond to your generosity with love and sharing for all. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

† The Word of God †

Scripture Reading ✠ Genesis 1:1-26

- O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
- O give thanks to the Lord of lords, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
- By his word he created heaven and earth, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
- By his word he sustains and feeds all creation, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**

Song ✠ *LSB 790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

- ♫ *Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come all who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.* ♪
- ♫ *Praise to the Lord, above all things is lovingly reigning. Sheltering you under his wings, and gently sustaining! Have you not seen, all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?* ♪
- ♫ *Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you. Surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend you. Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.* ♪

Scripture Reading ✠ Exodus 14:5-31

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He heard the cry of his people, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He brought them out of civilization, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He led them into the wilderness, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**

Song ✠ *LSB 895 “Now Thank We All Our God”*

- ♫ *Now thank we all our God, with heart and lives and voices. Who wondrous things has done, in whom his earth rejoices. Who through his guiding word, has bless'd us on his Way. With countless gifts of love, he cares for us today. ♪*
- ♫ *Oh may our gen'rous God, through all of life be near us. With discipline for us, and loving peace to calm us. To keep us in his truth, and guide us through all things. And free us from all ills, and our selfish cravings. ♪*
- ♫ *All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given, his Son and Spirit bless'd, who rule in highest heaven. The one Creator God, who heav'n and earth adore. He cares for us right now, and will do evermore. ♪*

Scripture Reading ✠ Isaiah 2:2-4, 30:19-26, 65:17-25

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He sent prophets to lead his people to peace, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He sent his people into the humility of exile, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He calls his people to return to him, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**

Song ✠ *LSB 806 “Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”*

- ♫ *Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say “I am strong,” let the poor say “I am rich.” because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say “I am strong,” let the poor say “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.*

Scripture Reading ✠ Matthew 27:35-54

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He has sent his Son Jesus to show us the Way, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He has torn down the mighty and saved us, ✠ **for his love endures forever**
He has lifted up the lowly and defeated death, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**

Song ✠ *LSB 809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

- ♫ *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! ♪*
- ♫ *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest. Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy*

faithfulness, Lord, unto me! ♪

♪ *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! ♪*

Scripture Reading ✠ Revelation 21:1-5

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He leads us through the waters of Baptism, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He feeds us daily with the bread of life, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**
He is making all things new through his Spirit, ✠ **for his love endures forever.**

Thanksgiving Reflection

† The Eucharist — The Thanksgiving Meal †

Offering

Jesus says, “Do not store up things on earth. To be my disciple you must give up everything you own. Freely you have received from the Lord, freely you must give.”
We offer all we have to the Lord, while also offering gifts to support this communion.

Musical Offering

Pledge of Allegiance

♪ *We come before you, Lord, to bow. We lay our lives at your feet now. All things are yours, we own nothing! Our lives are in your hands this day. Give what we need, O Lord, we pray. Please protect us, provide for us! Watch over us, ever with us, always love us!* ♪ (LSB 816) Jesus says, “If you pledge your allegiance to me before men, then I will pledge my allegiance to you before my heavenly Father.”

I pledge allegiance to one God, the all-powerful Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I pledge allegiance to one Lord, Jesus Christ, who is God’s only Son. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He loved and he suffered. Under Pontius Pilate, he was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he was raised from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He is coming to judge the living and the dead. His rule will not end.

I pledge allegiance to the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the baptism for forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life in the age to come. Amen.

Thanksgiving

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Lift up your hearts! ✠ **We lift them to the Lord!** ✠ Let us give thanks to our Creator! ✠ **It is right to give him**

thanks and praise! ☩ Praise and thanks are due to you, Father, ☩ **for you provide, protect, love, and renew us and all creation!** ☩ We are grateful that you bring heaven and earth together through Jesus's love for all creation! ♪ *Joyful, joyful we adore you, Creator of all that lives! Earth and heaven praise and thank you, for your love and all you give! Fields and forests, fruit trees and birds, thunderstorms and starry skies, seas and mountains, and grazing herds, praising you who never dies!* ♪ (LSB 803)

Sharing the Lord's Peace

Jesus says, "Make peace with each other ☩ **before you come to the Lord's altar.**

By this all people will know that you are my disciples: ☩ **if you love each other."**

We prepare to be united as one Body and communion at the Lord's table by gathering in a circle around the sanctuary while sharing with each other the peace and love our Father has freely given to us.

† Words of Our Lord Jesus †

On the night before our Lord Jesus was crucified, he revealed his Way of rescuing all creation from the Way of Civilization. Before supper, Jesus humbly washed the feet of his students and enemies. Jesus said, ☩ **"Follow my example. Love each other, even your enemies, in the same way I have loved you."** ☩ During supper, Jesus then took the bread and broke it. He gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is being given for you. Do the same for each other in my memory." After supper, Jesus then took the cup and gave thanks. He said, "This is my blood which is being shed for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sin. Do the same for each other in my memory."

♪ *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus. So as we share this feast may we, remember your love for us. Help us now to follow your Way, and to walk in your goodness. Always make us one in you.* ♪ (LSB 384)

Invitation to the Table

We gather around Jesus's table, ☩ **trusting that he is truly giving his whole self to us through this bread, wine, and communion.** ☩ As we receive the Lord's gifts, ☩ **we commit to laying down our lives for each member of this church in the Way that Jesus has laid down his life for us.** ☩ We invite all Baptized members of the holy universal Church, who give their undivided allegiance to Jesus and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in this mysterious communion of heaven and earth. ♪ *Oh come Lord Jesus come and dine and give yourself through bread and wine. Feed us so we may have new birth, and bring your rule ov'r all the earth. Come now, come now! Our Lord Jesus and bring your healing love to us!* ♪ (LSB 357)

Sharing the Bread & Wine

Sent to "Do the Same in My Memory"

Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood is united with me and will be raised from the dead." Christ Jesus, as we feed on you ☩ **we are made members of your Body.** ☩ We no longer live for ourselves ☩ **but you, Lord Christ, live within us.** ☩ As you have laid down your body and blood for us, ☩ **help us to do the same for each other in your memory.** ☩ Help us share our whole lives with the church ☩ **and care for all your creation, including our own bodies.** ☩ Jesus says, "What do you

want me to do for you?” ☩ **Lord, open my eyes so that I can see!** ☩ Jesus says, “Your eyes have been opened, ☩ **take up your cross everyday and follow me.**” Amen.

♫ *Give us mouths to sing your glory, hearts your teachings to obey, hands that live your love that fills us, feet to walk your holy Way. Holy Spirit, light-creator, may the truth which you do send, fill our lives with loving mercy and trusting peace without end!* ♪ (LSB 578)

Blessing

May the Father bless you and hold you in his hands. May the Son empower you to love all his creation in the way he has loved you. May the Holy Spirit fill your body and give you a peace that is free of all anxiety. ☩ **Amen.**

Recessional Song ☩ **LSB 817 “Earth and All Stars”**

- ♫ *Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song! O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!* ♪
- ♫ *Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees, loud rustling leaves, sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!* ♪
- ♫ *Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!* ♪
- ♫ *Children of God, dying and rising, sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth, hosts everlasting, sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!* ♪

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christmas Eve Festival - Sat, Dec 24, 6:00 pm
- Congregational Assembly - Sun, Dec 4, 10:30 am to approve 2023 budget.
- NO Worship — Sunday, Dec 18. Food & Fellowship in the lounge at 10:30 am.