

# Thanksgiving Eve Service

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021 - 7pm

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 99 Miller Rd



*Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship*

\*= stand, L: Leader, **C:People**

Prelude: "Come You Thankful People Come" ... Mansfield

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Greeting

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

**C: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

L: The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God bless us.

**C: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Musical Interlude

\*Prayer: In Unison

**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.**

First Lesson: Joel 2:21-27

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Third Lesson: John 6:1-13

Sermon:

Hymn: **"We Praise You, O God"**

# We Praise You, O God



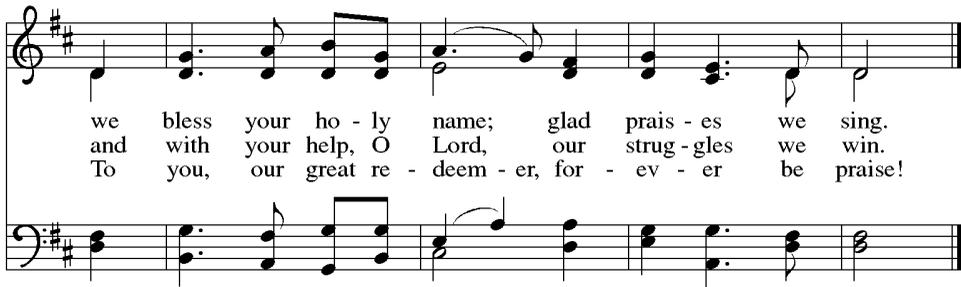
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



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!

\*Litany:

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: His love is everlasting**

L: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**C: Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

L: For the good of the world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth to death;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and their startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For the young; for their high hopes; for their struggles with work and home; for their search for relevance;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience and age; for rest and leisure; and for time made precious by its passing.

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For your presence in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in times of temptation and danger;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**C: Thank you, God.**

L: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**C: We praise you, God.**

L: Above all. O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**C: We thank and praise you God our Father, for all your goodness to us.**

L: We give you thanks Almighty God for all that you continue to do for your people and your creation. We pray that you be with all who travel this holiday that they may go and return in safety. We pray for those who are lonely, those who are forsaken, those who suffer in any way. Be a constant presence with them, bring them comfort and hope. Often, we neglect to thank you for all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will be and do. This night O Lord, we dedicate ourselves and our thanksgiving to you. Make us your instruments of peace and love. Teach and inspire us to serve others in thanks for the love you have given us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord; we say:

**C: Thank you O, Lord, thank you. Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer: (Unison)

**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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

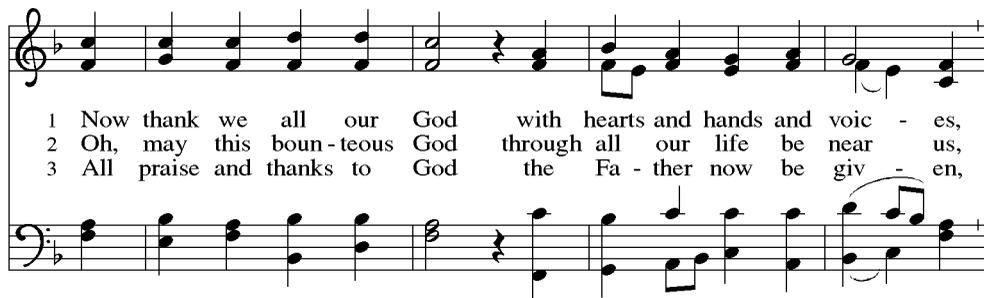
\*Blessing:

L: The blessings of Almighty God our Father, the creator and giver of all good things, the Son, who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us, be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

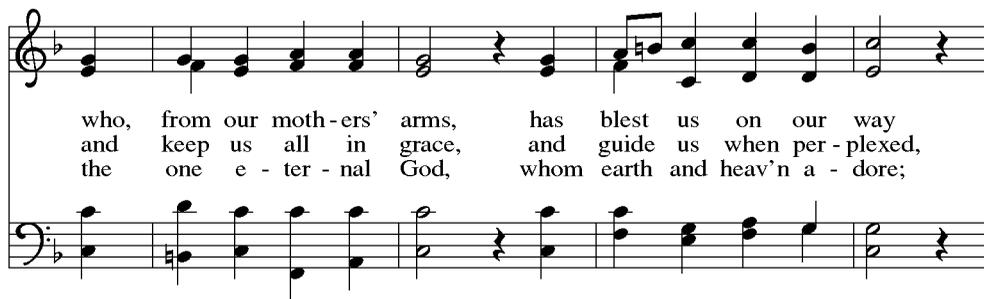
# Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Postlude: " **Now Thank We All Our God ... Hughes**

**Serving This Evening**

The Rev. Denise B. Horn – Host pastor

The Rev. Martin H. Horn – Preacher

Linda Shade – Organist

Saundra Heckman – Secretary

**Please Note:** We are still masking for services. We are not shaking hands or sharing the peace. You are free to sit in spots with or without the distancing ribbons.