

*Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service*  
*Tuesday, November 26, 2024*



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

Prelude

Trio on “Herzlich lieb”

Lebenhauer

Welcome

Pastor Matt Paul

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

The Rev. Laura Murray

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**

Praise be to God who provides for us.

**May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

Hallelujah!

**Amen.**

Hymn

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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## Prayer of Confession

Evelyn Simpson

Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets, and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends, and caring communities of faith. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus' name, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 26:6-10

The Rev. Laura Murray

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-18

Deacon Don Corson

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

"Why Don't People Say 'Thank You' Anymore?"

Don Corson

## Special Music

"It Is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord"

arr. Nichols,  
Praise Ensemble

## Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offering

MANNA

Evelyn Simpson

Communion - Invitation

Pastor Matt Paul

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Communion Prayer

The Rev. Laura Murray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Benediction

Deacon Don Corson

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Behnke

### Worship and Music Participants

Pastor Matt Paul, First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Laura Murray, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

Evelyn Simpson, First United Methodist Church

Deacon Don Corson, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Anna Nichols, Pianist/Organist

