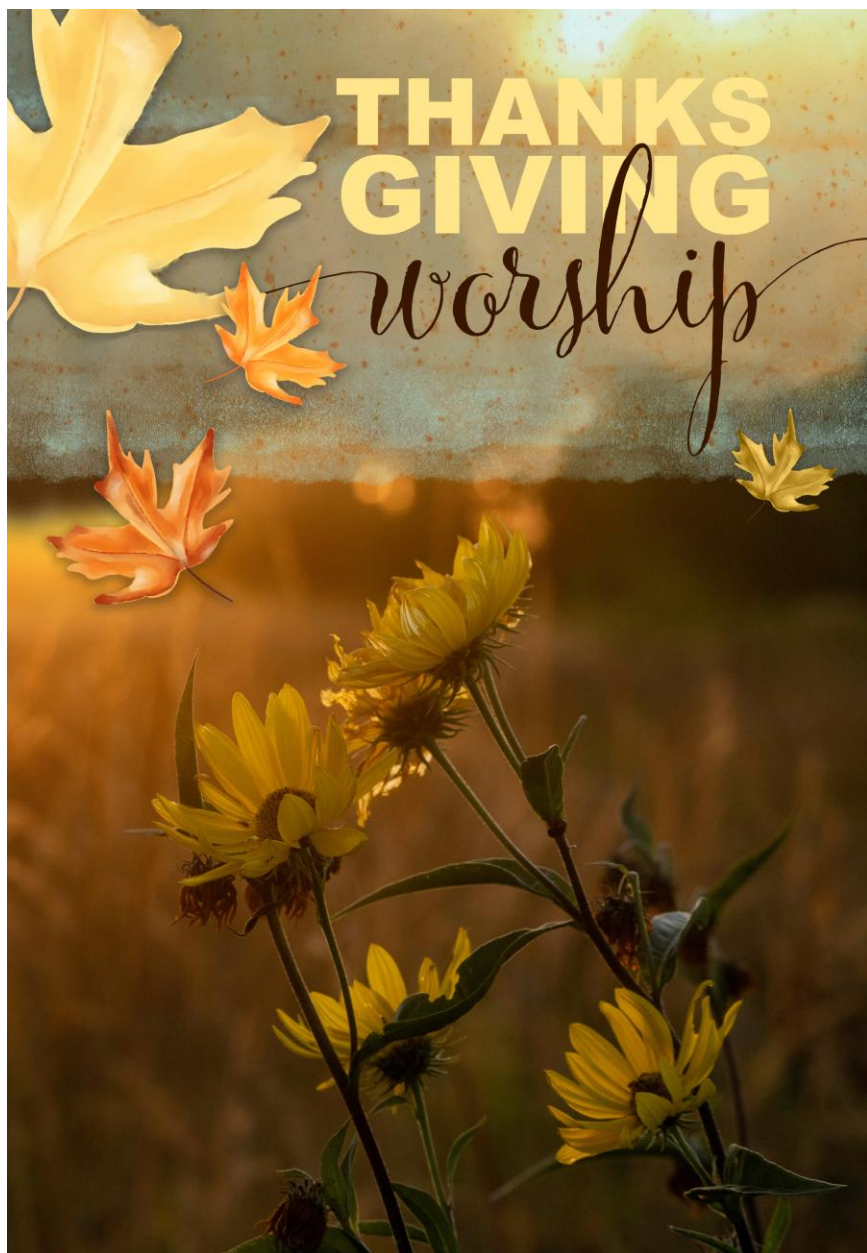




THANKSGIVING EVE

Luther Memorial Church November 26, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 6pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 47 (TLH Pg. 134);

PRAYERS: 4 (Pg. 102); 43 (Pg. 106).

HYMNS: 28 43 570 572 36

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 28 - *"Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise"*

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin this service of Thanksgiving in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Friends in Christ. Let us confess our sins before our God, from the heart sorrowing over them and trusting in the completed work of the Savior, Jesus Christ, that we may be assured of God's mercy and grace.

Congregation: Oh, Gracious Lord, You have given us many blessings, far more than we could ever deserve. You support our bodies with the fruits of the earth. You support our souls with the bread of Your Word. Still, despite your faithfulness to us, we often repay you with complaining rather than thankfulness. We take for granted Your gifts and are ungrateful. We pray for your mercy and forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Teach us to be thankful for all of your blessings.

Pastor: God our Heavenly Father has had mercy upon us. He has sent His only Son to die in our place. In Christ, God has made atonement for all our sins. It is written: "Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved." Let us rejoice in the LORD our God and all that He has done for us.

ALL: ♪ **The Lord hath helped me hitherto
By His surpassing favor;
His mercies every morn were new,
His kindness did not waver.
God hitherto hath been my Guide,
Hath pleasures hitherto supplied,
And hitherto hath helped me.**
(TLH 33:1)

THE FOURTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: What is the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Congregation: Give us this day our daily bread.

Pastor: What does this mean?

Congregation: God gives daily bread indeed without our asking, even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to appreciate, and to receive with thanksgiving, our daily bread.

Pastor: What, then, is meant by daily bread?

Congregation: Everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, education, honor, faithful friends, good neighbors, and the like.

ALL: ♪ I praise and thank Thee, Lord, my God,
For Thine abundant blessing
Which heretofore Thou hast bestowed
And I am still possessing.
Inscribe this on my memory:
The Lord hath done great things for me
And graciously hath helped me.
(TLH 33:2)

OT LESSON:

EXODUS 16:1-3,11-18

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.' " ¹⁷ And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**2 THESSALONIANS 3:5-13**

⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. *

HYMN: 43 - *"We Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

THANKSGIVING CREED:**THE 1st ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN: 570 - *"Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King"*

THE SERMON:

PSALM 103:3-5

²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— ³who pardons all your guilt, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, ⁵who satisfies your life with goodness, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. **

DON'T FORGET GIVE THANKS FOR THE LITTLE THINGS

(...there are NO little things.)

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 785:1,3)

♪ 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.

♪ With voices united our praises we offer, And gladly our sons of thanksgiving we raise. With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 572 - *"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"*

A LITANY OF PRAISE:

Pastor: Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, Giver of every good and perfect gift,

Congregation: Accept the praise Your people raise for all the bounty of Your hand.

Pastor: For corn and wheat, oats and rice, and all grains of the field,

Congregation: Accept our thanks, O faithful God.

Pastor: For apple and pear, cherry and orange, and all fruits of the tree,

Congregation: Accept our thanks, O God of love.

Pastor: For all the bounty of the harvest which we receive from Your gracious hand,

Congregation: Accept our praise, O God of grace. Give us also the opportunity to share with others all that you provide.

Pastor: For the Lord satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Congregation: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

THE BENEDICTION: (Isaiah 41:10, NKJV)

Pastor: Receive the Promise of the LORD your Savior God:

Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God.

I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 36 - *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this evening in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26, 2025

THIS WEEK

Sunday: Advent One – Bible Study 9am; Worship 10am

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a Poinsettia as in the past, please look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway. The cost is noted on the sheet. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is TODAY. Please make any checks payable to Luther Memorial.

SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING

The Holiday Season is on the horizon whether we like it or not. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship is scheduled to take place in just over 2 weeks on Wednesday November 26th at 6pm. Midweek Advent Services will follow, as will our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and New Year's Eve Worship.

- † **Wednesday December 3rd** -- Midweek Advent Worship #1, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 10th** – Midweek Advent Worship #2, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 17th** – Midweek Advent Worship #3, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 24th** -Christmas Eve Children's Service, 6pm
- † **Thursday December 25th** – Christmas Day Worship 10am
- † **Wednesday December 31st** – New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING/BOWLING OUTING

Our Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Monday December 22nd and our Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The Christmas Decorating (including the Christmas Trees) will take place next Sunday, November 30th immediately following worship. Please stick around and help decorate.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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w y l a s a
3 5 2 4 6 1

_____ ,

continually,

p y r a
1 4 2 3

e g v i
4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Ladies, join us for a
merry
& bright
Christmas Party

Luther Memorial Church
December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Please bring a dish to pass.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Gurath has accepted the call of Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison) WI. He will be installed on Sunday December 21st during their 10am morning worship. • Pastor Tom Schuetze has returned the call of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton has called Pastor Johnathan Schnose who currently serves Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Ben Libby to serve as third fulltime pastor. Pastor Libby currently serves Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. • Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ has also called Pastor Ben Libby. Holy Cross has also called Pastor Em. Michael Eichstadt to serve as Vacancy Pastor. • Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY, effective the end of the 2025-26 school year.



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 47

¹ Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. ³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. ⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PATIENCE

O God, who by the humble endurance of Your only begotten Son beat down the old enemy, help us, we pray, to truly treasure in our hearts what our Lord of His goodness born for us, that after His example we may bear with patience whatever things are averse to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS

O Lord, we pray that you would mercifully hear the prayers of Your People that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

NOW LET ALL LOUDLY SING PRAISE

1. Now let all loudly Sing praise to God the Lord; Christendom, proudly Laud Him with one accord. Gently He bids thee come before Him; Haste, then, O Israel, now adore Him.

2. For the Lord reigneth Over the universe, All He sustaineth, All things His praise rehearse, The angel host His glory telling, Psalter and harp are the anthem swelling.

3. Come, heathen races, Cast off all grief and care, For pleasant places Your Savior doth prepare Where His blest Word abroad is sounded, Pardon for sinners and grace unbounded.

4. Richly He feeds us Always and everywhere; Gently He leads us
With a true father's care; The late and early rains He sends us,
Daily His blessing, His love, attends us.

5. Sing we His praises Who is thus merciful; Christendom raises
Songs to His glorious rule. Rejoice! No foe shall now alarm us; He
will protect us, and who can harm us?

LITURGICAL HYMN: **THE LORD HAS HELPED ME**

♪ The Lord hath helped me hitherto By His surpassing favor; His
mercies every morn were new, His kindness did not waver. God
hitherto hath been my Guide, Hath pleasures hitherto supplied,
And hitherto hath helped me.

♪ I praise and thank Thee, Lord, my God, For Thine abundant
blessing Which heretofore Thou hast bestowed And I am still
possessing. Inscribe this on my memory: The Lord hath done great
things for me And graciously hath helped me.

HYMN: **WE SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD**

1. We sing the almighty power of God, Who bade the mountains
rise, Who spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.

2. We sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The
moon shines, too, at His command, And all the stars obey.

3. We sing the goodness of the Lord, Who fills the earth with food,
Who formed His creatures by a word And then pronounced them
good.

4. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed Where'er we turn our
eyes, Whene'er we view the ground we tread Or gaze upon the
skies!

5. There's not a plant nor flower below But makes Thy glories
known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy
throne.

6. On Thee each moment we depend; If Thou withdraw, we die.
Oh, may we ne'er that God offend Who is forever nigh!

HYMN **PRAISE, OH, PRAISE, OUR GOD AND KING**

1. Praise, oh, praise, our God and King, Hymns of adoration sing;
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

2. Praise Him that He made the sun Day by day his course to run;
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

3. And the silver moon by night, Shining with her gentle light; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.
4. Praise Him that He gave the rain To mature the swelling grain; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.
5. And hath bid the fruitful field Crops of precious increase yield; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.
6. Praise Him for our harvest store, He hath filled the garner floor; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.
7. And for richer food than this, Pledge of everlasting bliss; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.
8. Glory to our bounteous King, Glory let creation sing; Glory to the Father, Son, And the Spirit, Three in One!

THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 785:1,3)

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♪ With voices united our praises we offer, And gladly our sons of thanksgiving we raise. With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.

HYMN

PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE

1. Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days; Bounteous Source of every joy, Let Thy praise our tongues employ, All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.
2. All the plenty summer pours; Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores; Flocks that whiten all the plain; Yellow sheaves of ripened grain, -- Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
3. Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss, and public wealth, Knowledge with its gladdening streams, True religion's holier beams, Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
4. As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all our best And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise.

HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way With
countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us; And keep
us in His grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all
ills In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son,
and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven: The one eternal
God, Whom earth and heaven adore! For thus it was, is now, And
shall be evermore. Amen.