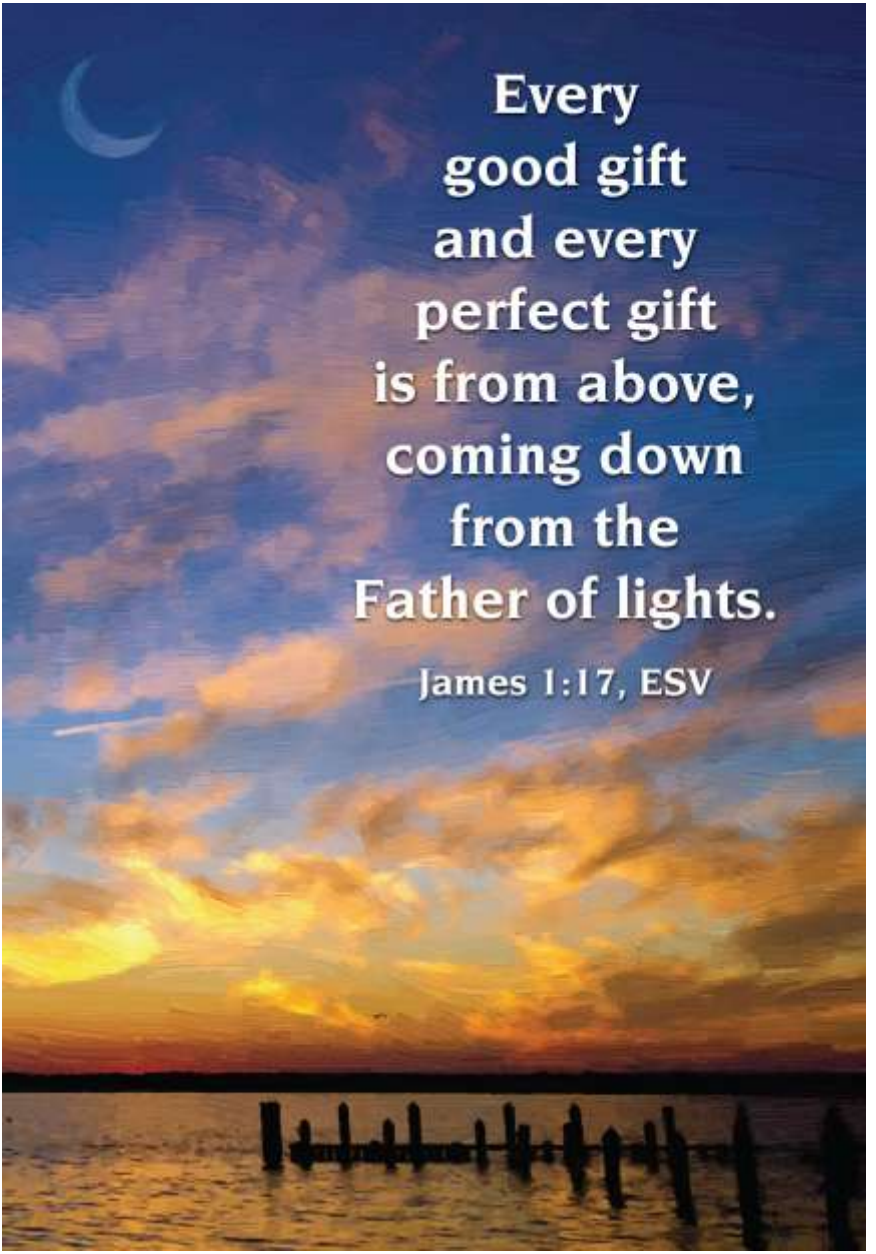


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THANKSGIVING EVE

November 15, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 34 (TLH Pg. 131);
HYMNS: 417:1-5 572 417:6-7

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 417:1-5 - *"How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
Congregation: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.
C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We stand forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

♫ Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

♫ Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

OT LESSON: PROVERBS 14:26-34

26 In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. **27** The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

28 In a multitude of people is the glory of a king, but without people a prince is ruined.

29 Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

30 A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

32 The wicked is overthrown through his evildoing, but the righteous finds refuge in his death.

33 Wisdom rests in the heart of a man of understanding, but it makes itself known even in the midst of fools.

34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

♫ Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep; And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wandering sheep.

♫ Make me to walk in Thy commands,-- 'Tis a delightful road,- - Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one
must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to
make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all
things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 9 As it is
written,

> "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
> his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply
and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your
righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous
in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

♫ 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.

♫ 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.



GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-29

24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his
disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to
Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to
him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw
signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for
the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father
has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be
doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work
of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."*

♫ **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.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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 deserve3 it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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

THE SERMON: JAMES 1:16-18

[16]Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. [17]Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. [18]Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. **

IT COMES FROM THE FATHER

Every good gift; Every complete gift.
Especially the gift of Faith in Jesus.

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 (WS 792)

♫ **1. Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light.**

PRAYER(S)/THE 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 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.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) CONGREGATION: "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 417:6-7 - *"How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this evening in Jesus' name. 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 25, 2026

NEED TO STEP OUT?

If you need to step out to tend to one of your children you can continue watching the service on your phone. Hang in there. You are doing a great job! Simply scan this QR Code to watch the service on your smartphone.

SAVE THE DATE – ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*The ladies of Luther Memorial Church warmly invite you to Advent by Candlelight on **Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** Join us as we reflect on the Good News proclaimed through the birth of our Savior, the Great Joy we receive through the Gospel message, and the beautiful reminder that this Good News is for All People! We look forward to sharing this special afternoon of faith, fellowship, and the light of Christ with you! To register: https://canva.link/4htpsrrtwb8v1ya*

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Our Midweek Advent Services this year begin next Wednesday December 2nd at 6pm.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

Our Christmas Practices will be at 9am on the first three Sundays in December (6, 13, 20) to prepare for the Christmas Eve Service on Thursday December 24th at 6pm. Since our practice precedes worship, we ask that students be a little early, no later than 9am.

KINSHIP SPONSORS NEEDED - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)

UPCOMING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- *Sunday November 29, 10am – Advent One*
- *Wednesday December 2nd 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #1*
- *Sunday December 6th 10am – Advent Two*
- *Wednesday December 9th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #2*
- *Sunday December 13th 10am – Advent Three*
- *Wednesday December 16th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #3*
- *Sunday December 20th 10am – Advent Four*
- *Thursday December 24th 6pm – Christmas Eve Worship*
- *Friday December 25th 10am – Christmas Day Worship*
- *Sunday December 27th 10am – Sunday after Christmas*
- *Thursday December 31st – 6pm New Year's Eve Communion Service*

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP PSALM 34:1-9

[1]I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth.
[2]In the Lord my soul will boast. The humble will hear and rejoice.

[3]Proclaim the greatness of the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

[4]I sought the Lord, and he answered me. From all my terrors he delivered me. [5]His people look to him and are radiant, and their faces will never blush. [6]This poor man called, and the Lord heard. From all his distress the Lord saved him. [7]The Angel of the Lord camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

[8]Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him. [9]Fear the Lord, you his saints, since those who fear him lack nothing. **

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the Last Day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: HOW CAN I THANK THEE, LORD

1. How can I thank Thee, Lord, For all Thy loving-kindness, That Thou hast patiently Borne with me in my blindness? When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay, I kindled, holy God, Thine anger every day.

2. It is Thy work alone That I am now converted; O'er Satan's work in me Thou hast Thy power asserted. Thy mercy and Thy grace That rise afresh each morn Have turned my stony heart Into a heart new-born.

3. I could but grieve Thee, Lord, And with my sins displease Thee; Yet to atone for sin My works could not appease Thee. Though I could fall from grace And choose the way of sin, I had no strength to rise, A new life to begin.

4. But Thou hast raised me up To joy and exultation And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation. My sins are washed away, For this I thank thee, Lord; And with my heart and soul All dead works are abhorred.

5. Grant that Thy Spirit's help To me be always given Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven; That He may give me strength In mine infirmity And e'er renew my heart To serve Thee willingly.

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.

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HYMN **HOW CAN I THANK THEE, LORD**

6. Oh, guide and lead me, Lord, While here below I wander That I may follow Thee Till I shall see Thee yonder. For if I led myself, I soon would go astray; But if Thou leadest me, I keep the narrow way.

7. O Father, God of Love, Hear Thou my supplication; O Savior, Son of God, Grant me Thy full salvation; And Thou, O Holy Ghost, Be Thou my faithful Guide That I may serve Thee here And there with Thee abide. Amen.