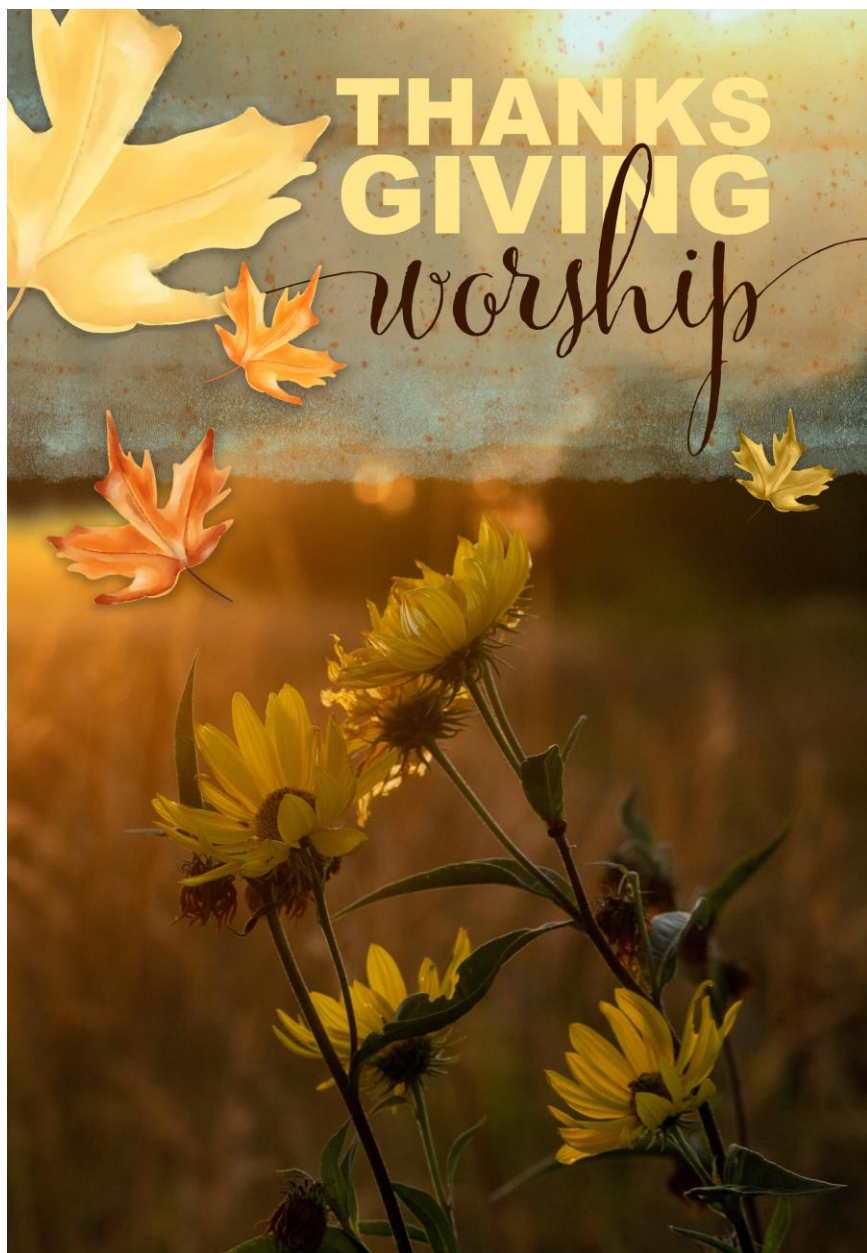




THANKSGIVING

Living Hope Lutheran November 23, 2025

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Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 104 (TLH Pg. 146);

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

HYMNS: LSB 892 TLH 43 TLH 570 TLH 572 LSB 895

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 892 - *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

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: TLH 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 102:3-5

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 SMALL THINGS

(...there are NO small 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.

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

Congregation: Accept our thanks, O God of love.

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: LSB 895 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning 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 23, 2025

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Luther Memorial 6pm

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday: Advent One - Worship 2pm; Bible Study 3pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

There will be a lay-led Christmas Eve Service this year entitled "Let's Go to Bethlehem." The service will take place on Christmas Eve (December 24th) at 6pm.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

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/>

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our next face to face confirmation class is scheduled for this Wednesday November 26th at 3:30pm.

CHURCH DECORATION

On December 7th after worship the members of Living Hope will gather to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Folks are asked to bring snacks or an appetizer to share while decorating. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on December 7th.

We Sing the Almighty Power of God

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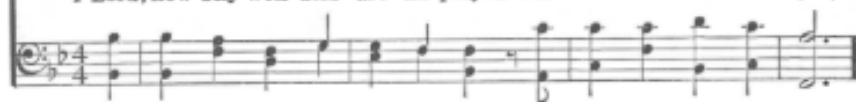
Ps. 149
Isaac Watts, 1715

G. M.

Ich singe dir
"Harmonischer Liederschatz"
Frankfurt, 1778



1 We sing th' al-might-y pow'r of God, Who bade the moun-tains rise,
2 We sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
3 We sing the good-ness of the Lord, Who fills the earth with food,
4 Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played Wher-e'er we turn our eyes,



Who spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.
The moon shines, too, at His command, And all the stars o-bey.
Who formed His creatures by a word And then pronounced them good.
When-e'er we view the ground we tread Or gaze up-on the skies! A-men.



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!

Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King

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Ps. 136

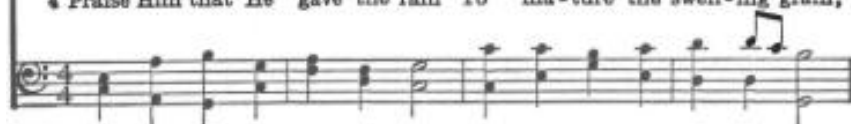
John Milton, 1623

Henry W. Baker, 1881

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Monkland
"Hymn Tunes of the United Brethren"
Manchester, 1884

- 1 Praise, oh, praise, our God and King, Hymns of ad - o - ra - tion sing;
 2 Praise Him that He made the sun Day by day his course to run;
 3 And the sil - ver moon by night, Shin - ing with her gen - tle light;
 4 Praise Him that He gave the rain To ma - ture the swell - ing grain;



- For His mer - cies still en - dure, Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.
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 For His mer - cies still en - dure, Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure. A-men.



- 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!

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

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Hab. 3: 17, 18

Anna L. Barbauld, 1772, cento, alt.

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Konrad Kocher, 1870

1 Praise to God, im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen-ty sum-mer pours; Au-tumn's rich, o'er-flow-ing stores;
3 Peace, pros-per-i-ty, and health, Pri-vate bliss, and pub-lic wealth,

Boun-teous Source of ev-'ry joy, Let Thy praise our tongues em-ploy.
Flocks that whit-en all the plain; Yel-low sheaves of rip-ened grain —
Knowl-edge with its gladd'ning streams, True re-lig-ion's ho-lier beams.

All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise. A-men.

4 As Thy prospering hand hath blest,
May we give Thee of our best
And by deeds of kindly love
For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days
Praise to God, immortal praise.

HOME DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 24-29, 2025

Monday – Mark 12:18-27 Jesus, heading to the agony of the cross, knows the Scriptures and the power of God, who will raise Him on the third day. The Sadducees, with all their reasoning, are badly mistaken.

Tuesday – Revelation 3:14-22 The church in Laodicea is so comfortable with their material wealth that they are unaware of their spiritual poverty, and their great need for Christ's robe of righteousness.

Wednesday - 2 Chronicles 34:14-28 The reformation in King Josiah's day begins when the priest Hilkiah finds the Book of the Law with its judgments on those transgressing it. In their trouble they turn to the LORD.

Thursday - Luke 12:15-21 *Thanksgiving* – The Father who showers us with material blessings is worthy of our thanks every day. But Christ makes us "rich toward God," giving blessings even when material things are gone.

Friday – Matthew 25:31-46 Looking to the Day of Judgment, we see the sheep and goats divided before any deeds are mentioned. Neither group see their deeds, for the sheep are looking to their Shepherd's deeds.

Saturday - Revelation 21:1-4 What could be more joyful than God's dwelling place being with people forever and the absence of all those things that plague us in this present world: death, sorrow, crying, and pain?

These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.



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