



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
7:00 p.m.

***Arlington Hills Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Hazel Park United Church of Christ,
Luther Seminary, Our Redeemer Lutheran,
and St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church***



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

WELCOME

AHLC/First Lutheran

*Please take some time to prepare for worship in quiet as we
light the altar candles and listen to the Prelude.*

PRELUDE

“Fanfare for Thanksgiving”

Walter Pelz

Kathleen Hollar, Organist
Grace Lutheran

GREETING

AHLC/First Lutheran

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: 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.

ALL: **Amen**

GATHERING MUSIC

Luther Seminary Musicians

As we gather today, we acknowledge that our churches are located on land that is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota and Anishinaabe people, near the sacred convergence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers known as B dote. And here near the Mississippi River, we recognize the land, Wakan Tipi, as the sacred burial grounds of the Dakota people. In knowing the past, we become better caretakers of the earth together today and in the future.

Please stand for the Gathering Hymn “Come Ye Thankful, People Come”

GATHERING HYMN “Come Ye Thankful, People Come”

ELW# 693

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1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God’s own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God’s own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: ST. GEORGE’S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

OPENING PRAYER**Thanksgiving Prayer**
“The Book of Common Prayer”**Hazel Park UCC**

ONE: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

ALL: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Luther Seminary Musicians

OLD TESTAMENT READING**1 Chronicles 16:8-11; 32-34****Our Redeemer**

Give thanks to God, and call on God's Name; proclaim God's deeds among the nations! Sing to God, sing praise, and tell of all God's marvels! 10 Glory in God's holy Name; let the hearts that seek God rejoice! Turn to God, to God's strength, and seek God's presence constantly.

Let the sea roar and all that it holds! Let the fields exult and all that is in them! Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy, at the presence of YHWH, for God is coming, coming to rule the earth! Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love endures forever!

SPECIAL MUSIC**“Count Your Blessings”**

First Lutheran Pew Band

READINGS

PSALM

Psalm 100 St. Paschal Baylon Catholic

Acclaim God with joy, all the earth! Serve God with gladness! Enter into God's presence with a joyful song! Know that God is God! God made us, and we belong to the Creator; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise! Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name! For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Michael Rosewall

Combined Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-9

St. Paschal Babylon Catholic

Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise. Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halleluia

First Lutheran Pew Band

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

ONE: The gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter.

First Lutheran

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL**Luke 9:10-17****First Lutheran**

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Taking them with him, he retreated to the town of Bethsaida where they could be by themselves. But when the crowd found out, they followed him. Jesus welcomed the crowd and spoke to them about the reign of God, and healed all who were in need of healing.

As sunset approached, the Twelve came and said to Jesus, “Dismiss the crowd, so they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and food, for this is a remote and isolated area.” Jesus answered them, “Give them something to eat yourselves!” The disciples replied, “We have nothing but five loaves and two fish. Or do you want us to go and buy food for all these people?” There were about five thousand gathered. Jesus said to the disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of fifty or so.” They did so and got them all seated. Then, taking the five loaves and two fishes, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven, said a blessing over them, broke them and gave them to the disciples for distribution to the crowd. They all ate until they were satisfied and, when the leftovers were collected, there were twelve baskets full.

ONE: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Please stand for the Hymn of the Day “This is My Song”



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1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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Please be seated

PRAYER

**“We Gather Together”
Bread Prayers**

Grace Lutheran

Let's pray... God, you accompany us through the times of our lives as we move from womb to tomb, from life to death, through happiness and sadness, joy and pain, anger and forgiveness, As we journey through life, you keep us well fed with both physical and spiritual bread. In turn you ask all of us to be the bread makers who bring both physical and spiritual bread to one another. With this in mind, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

ONE: **Sourdough Bread** has its leavening agent a small amount of dough kept from the last batch. So, we hold in mind our grandparents and parents, and the links we have with our heritage and lineage of the past.

We give thanks, O God, for the people who have come before us, who have brought the spiritual traditions forward in time that we now wrestle with, embrace, and pass on to the next generation. God of grace:

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

Hazel Park UCC

ONE: In medieval England, **Rye bread** was the staple of the working class. Let it represent all those who work and all those unemployed who seek to work. This is also for volunteer work done simply for the love and joy of it!

We pray, O God, for all those who work...for those who work in dignity and for those whose work robs them of dignity. We also pray that those who desire to work, will find meaningful work and those who volunteer, find joy in all they do. God of grace:

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

ONE: **Flatbread** must be carefully rolled flat to a paper-thin thickness. It is baked in an oven briefly till it becomes crisp. It breaks easily into pieces for a mouth-watering treat.

We pray, O God, help us to realize the fragile nature of our lives, how easily we are broken, how Jesus' body was broken for liberation. Help us to savor the life you give. God of grace:

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

Our Redeemer Lutheran

ONE: **Naan**, reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. Let it symbolize for **us** all the refugees who, like the Jews of old, have had to leave their homes and flee. May it remind us, too, of those experiencing poverty and homelessness in our midst and those caught in conflicts of war.

We pray, O God, for the uprooted people of the world...we remember people experiencing homelessness in our own cities and around the world. Let us in spirit, be with all those who wander, seeking a home, especially those displaced by war, who live in fear, and yearn to eat their bread in peace. God of grace:

ALL: hear our prayer.

ONE: The **saltines** represent to us the wisdom of the sages among us, the salty ones, mature folk who have endured, who have learned from their years on this earth.

Let us remember, O God, those who have reached their golden years. May they be given the gift of daily bread and daily touch. God of grace:

ALL: hear our prayer.

Arlington Hills Lutheran

ONE: **Navajo Fry bread** is a recipe among many Native American tribes in the United States. Soft and puffy on the inside and lightly crisp on the outside, fry bread is a savory and sometimes sweet pan-fried bread. May it bring to mind the "littles" - the children - and those who care for them. May this bread symbolize for us all those who must trustingly turn to others to provide their daily bread.

O God, for all the children of the world, we give thanks. Open us to hear their cry for daily bread that out of the bounty of the earth we may feed even the least of your children. God of grace:

ALL: hear our prayer.

St. Pascal Babylon Catholic

ONE: **Rice** was used in ancient times as a rare and treasured medicinal bread. Today, it is a staple that feeds the world, so let these rice cakes stand for persons in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit.

O God, let us remember the importance of hearing and touch - a kind word, hands held, but mostly, the gift of presence as we walk with those in need of your healing touch. God of grace:

ALL: hear our prayer.

ONE: Dear God, you know our strengths and weaknesses. You know where we have been and where we are going. Renew us each day, so that our lives reflect our trust in you. We give you thanks and praise for the incredible variety of physical and spiritual bread that feeds us daily. Help us to see in each other the gifts we have been given and magnify all that we do like yeast rising. In Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

ONE: We share the bread of the people..

The breads from these prayers will be shared in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

OFFERING

Today's offering will be donated to:

Salvation Army Food Shelf and Clues Family Wellness Center

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Simple Gifts"
Combined Choir

arr. Mark Schweizer

CLOSING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

First Lutheran

One: Let us pray together...

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please stand for the Sending Hymn "Let All Things Now Living"

SENDING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living” ELW# 881

All Verses – Large print found on page 16



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: “To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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BENEDICTION

Our Redeemer Lutheran

ONE: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

All: Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank we All our God”

arr. Wilbur Held

Barbara Rossow, Organist
Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

DISMISSAL AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

First Lutheran

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: We will! Thanks be to God.

One: The peace of God is with you always!

All: And also with you.

One: Share God’s peace with one another.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Pastoral Leaders

Reverend Stanley Ayashim, First Lutheran and Arlington Hills Lutheran

Reverend Karen Williams, Grace Lutheran Church

Reverend Sara E. Morse, Hazel Park United Church of Christ

Reverend Christine Wenzel, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Father John Mitchell, St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

Musicians

Music Director: Barbara Rossow, Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

Choir Director: Alex Carlson, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Organ/Piano: Kathleen Hollar, Grace Lutheran Church,

Barbara Rossow, Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Pew Band, Bev Danielson Sellie Director

Combined Choirs from Arlington Hills, Grace Lutheran, Hazel Park United Church of Christ, Our Redeemer Lutheran, and St. Pascal Baylon Churches

Luther Seminary Musicians

TODAY'S OFFERINGS

**Today's offerings will be given to the East Side Salvation Army and to
Clues Family Wellness Center**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF YOU!

GATHERING TOGETHER

**Following service, everyone is welcome to desserts and refreshments
in the Fellowship Hall.**

We will also have the breads from the Bread Prayers to share.



GATHERING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;

from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;

give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.

Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Song

- 1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
- 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

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,
God's 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.

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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