

**St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Thanksgiving Eve**  
**Wednesday November 23<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 PM**  
**(in-person & live-streamed worship)**



***“All Good Gifts Around Us Are Sent from Heaven Above.  
So Thank You Lord, We Thank You Lord, For All Your Love!”***

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

O God, We thank you for morning light,  
**and evening peace;**  
For the hours of the night, with which you restore our strength,  
**and the hours of the day, with which you lead us in new paths;**  
For the past, from which you redeem what is good,  
**and for the future, to which we lift our eyes in hope;**  
For the body in which our souls are nurtured,  
**and for the soul by which our body is glorified;**  
For the mind which asks probing questions,  
**and the spirit by which life's mysteries are exalted;**  
For truth which binds the conscience in law,  
**and the mercy which frees it from bondage;**  
For beauty that rejoices the eye,  
**and for the skill that disciplines the hand;**  
For saints whose deeds and dreams are one,  
**and for sinners who hunger and thirst beyond their deeds for benediction;**  
For love that redeems the heart from fear,  
**and for grace that sustains us in every adversity.**  
For your word alive within us;  
**we give you thanks, O God, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.**



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

**An Alphabet of Praise: A B C D E F G**

For these and all other good things that come from your hand,  
**We give you thanks, O God.**

**WORD**

**First Reading**

**Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

<sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn ELW 679

## *For the Fruit of All Creation*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## **An Alphabet of Praise: H I J K L M N**

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**We give you thanks, O God.**

## Psalm Reading

## Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>**Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
**we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
**give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
**whose faithfulness endures from age to age. Amen.**

## Hymn ELW 879

## For the Beauty of the Earth

v 1, 4, 5



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

### *Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## An Alphabet of Praise: O P Q R S T

For these and all other good things that come from your hand,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

## Second Reading

## Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

*God, No ... and ... Yes*

**Alison Schuler, homilist**

## Offering

*We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church.*

*We may place our offerings in the basket in the aisle. We may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website.*

*All undesignated offerings and Bucket of Change offerings for this Thanksgiving Service will be given to our partner church, Camino de Vida, for their Christmas outreach program among the Spanish speaking community and recent immigrants to Albuquerque.*

## Offertory Anthem

## Sing to the Lord of Harvest

*Text by Rev. John S. B. Monsell, 1866; Music by Frederick Chatfield*

St. Luke Sanctuary Choir

Rhonda Blech, Flute

Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices  
your alleluias raise;

By Him the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest  
a song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring;  
The hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.

He filleth with His fulness  
all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty, and with peace.

## **An Alphabet of Praise: U V W X Y Z**

For these and all other good things that come from your hand,  
**We give you thanks, O God.**

## **Offering Prayer**

Almighty God, we thank you for the blessing and joy of life and family. Thank you for those who are gathered with us today and tomorrow, and we pray for those who are far away. Help us to remember the many ways you provide for us, comfort us, protect us, and give us joy; fill our hearts with a genuine “alphabet of praise” both in times of hardship and in times of plenty, now and always. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**



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,  
 joy - 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!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## **Benediction**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

**Nun danket alle Gott**

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

## Music Note

**Prelude :** Jason Krug earned a degree in music from MIT in Massachusetts, and has now returned to his hometown of Indianapolis to live, compose, and write. He has written works for choir, piano, and organ, and has specialized in music for handbell choirs; his compositions in this genre number over 400. His Now Thank We All Our God is marked to be played “prayerfully,” and the gentle harmonies that he has chosen support his prayerful vision of this great Chorale.

**Anthem:** The words of today’s anthem were written by prolific hymnist John S. B. Monsell. He published eleven volumes of poems and around 300 hymns. Composer and organist Frederick Chatfield has adapted the text to a tune of his own creation, juxtaposing the form of a traditional hymn with a contemporary accompaniment style. This piece was originally commissioned for the combined choirs of 4 churches in Ketterling, Ohio, for a Community Thanksgiving Service in 2014.

**Postlude:** Kart-Elbert’s chorale Nun danket is perhaps his most beloved and widely played organ work. It is concise, triumphantly joyful, and is based on one of the most popular of all the Lutheran Chorales. It appears as No. 59 in a volume entitled Sixty-six Chorale Improvisations for Organ. He was a fine organist and Harmonium player and succeeded Max Reger as the composition professor at the Leipzig Conservatory.



*You are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a joyful time of community and pie immediately following our worship!*

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Participating in Today's Worship  
Homilist: Alison Schuler  
Organist: Nancy Granert  
Vocalists: St Luke Sanctuary Choir  
Special Music: Bells of St Luke

Sound: Ray Prudhomme  
Video Engineer: Pamela Franco

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