IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Sweet Springs, Missouri Thanksgiving Eve November 26, 2025 7 p.m.

A Festival Order of Worship for Thanksgiving

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell calls us to reverent and thankful worship.

The Opening Hymn: 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

The Invocation:

Pastor: In the name of the Father who provides all we need to support our bodies and lives.

Congregation: Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: In the name of the (+) Son who has given His life on the cross for us.

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise to our holy God.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit who brings us to faith through His Word and Sacraments.

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise to our holy God; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Amen.

Our Confession and God's Absolution: (from Philippians 4)

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to rejoice in Him always.

Congregation: But in sin we are anxious and concerned about the world around us.

P: Our Lord invites us to pray to Him with thanksgiving.

C: But in sin we too often do not speak to Him in prayer.

P: The peace of God guards your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: But in sin we do not put into practice the true and pure things of our Lord.

P: We can do all things through Him who gives us strength.

C: But in sin we struggle to be content with the situation of our lives. Forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

P: Our God of peace has supplied your need of forgiveness according to the riches of His glory through His Son, Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word, and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 65

Pastor: Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;

C: to You our vows will be fulfilled.

P: O You who hear prayer,

C: to You all men will come.

P: When we were overwhelmed by sins,

C: You atoned for our transgressions.

P: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!

C: We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.

P: You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior,

C: the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

P: who formed the mountains by Your power,

C: having armed Yourself with strength,

P: who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,

C: and the turmoil of the nations.

P: Those living far away fear Your wonders;

C: where morning dawns and evening fades You call forth songs of joy.

P: You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly.

C: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it.

P: You drench its furrows and level its ridges;

C: You soften it with showers and bless its crops.

P: You crown the year with Your bounty,

C: and Your carts overflow with abundance.

P: The grasslands of the desert overflow;

C: the hills are clothed with gladness.

P: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;

C: they shout for joy and sing.

ALL: 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.

The Salutation and Our Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Page 2

(please be seated)

Hymn of Praise: 789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you."

P: This is the Word of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading: 1st Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

P: This is the Word of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

<u>Hymn:</u> 895 "Now Thank We All Our God" (please stand for the last stanza if you are able)

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The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19 (please stand if you are able)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Our Confession of Faith: (confessed in unison)

"The First Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning"

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

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true. (please be seated)

The Hymn of the Day: 785 "We Praise You, O God"

Festival Message: "Good Promises of Land and Rest" Joshua 21:43-45

Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that He swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as He had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass. Page 4

The Offering

(please stand if you are able)

The Offertory: 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

The Thanksgiving Litany:

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

C: For in Your wisdom You have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless You and praise Your name forever.

P: You set the captives free and raise up those whose courage fails.

C: We bless You and praise Your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need of body and spirit.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all nations to be Your holy people.

C: We rejoice and bless Your name forever.

P: You bless Your people with peace.

C: We bless You and praise Your loving grace.

P: We ask that Your mercy and kindness would guide our nation during times of turmoil.

C: We call upon You to govern our land with Your great love.

P: You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.

C: We bless You and praise Your loving grace.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Maker of all things.

C: Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts.

P: We offer ourselves to Your service in this world.

C: We dedicate our lives to proclaiming the salvation of all that You have made.

P: We thank and praise You for establishing and preserving our nation in freedom, for giving us a rich land in which to dwell, and for providing us with an abundance of the fruits of the earth. So that we might live in peace and be good stewards of all that You provide, grant us Your grace to recognize Your gifts and to live as good citizens. Give us grace to offer You ourselves as living sacrifices to the glory of Your holy name and the good of those around us. C: This we pray for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: (prayed in unison)

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

(please be seated)

The Closing Hymn: 893 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

The Postlude:

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Ron Baker Acolyte: Ushers:

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Deuteronomy 8:10 – "And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you." And what a rich, peaceful, prosperous land the Lord has given us! As God blessed His people of old, so He continues to bless us. Let our lives demonstrate our thankfulness for His unceasing generosity!



