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*TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE: Soliloquy on "DIX" Improvisation by K. G. Lindsay

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Loving God, you create us in your image
and claim us as your children.

We give you our lives in thanksgiving and praise!

You give us gifts, each different, and bless us with your grace.

We give you our lives in thanksgiving and praise!

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may serve you with love and joy.

We give you our lives in thanksgiving and praise! Alleluia!

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 97**

For the Fruits of This Creation

EAST ACKLAM

- 1. For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

**Merciful God, forgive us when we invest our energies
into increasing our personal prosperity
rather than enriching people's lives
with the good news of Jesus Christ
and when we squander our gifts
by failing to use them to build people up.**

**Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous
in spreading the gospel around.**

**Increase our capacity
to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ
in word and deed
even if this means taking risks
and expending whatever energy we may have.**

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS **

**"God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us.**

**Therefore encourage one another and build each other up
in the knowledge that in Jesus Christ we are enriched,
we are loved, we are forgiven.**

Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#) (Pg. 960) **

ANTHEM *The Old 100th Psalm Tune*

Words, William Keithe / Music Ralph Vaughn Williams

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell;
come ye before Him and rejoice!

The LORD ye know is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the LORD our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host,
be praise and glory ever-more, Amen.

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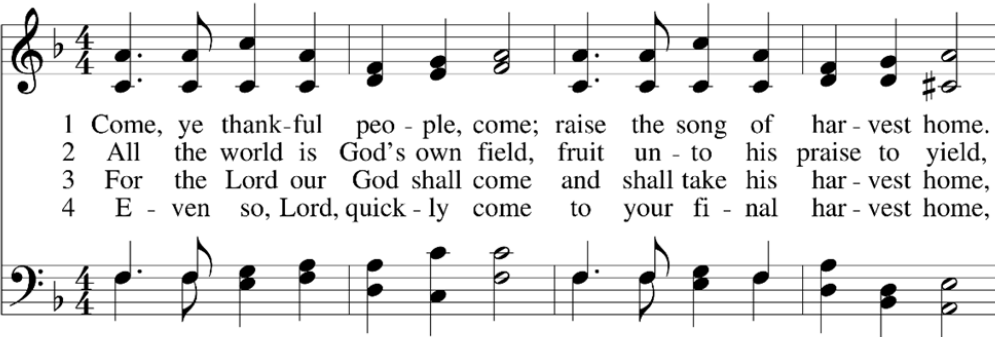
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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

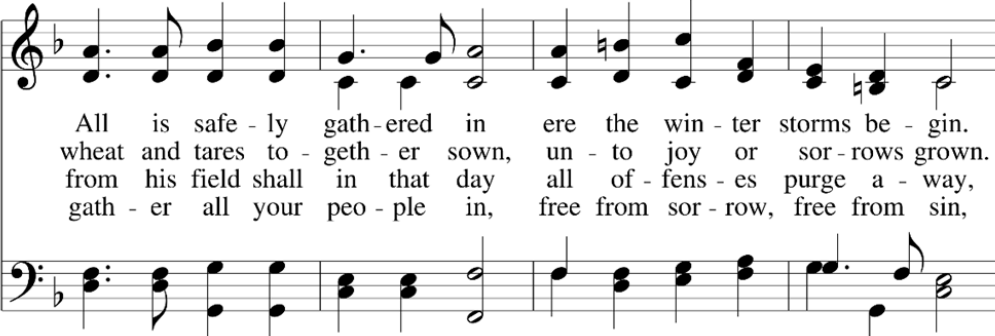
CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CRILDREN ARE PRESENT)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

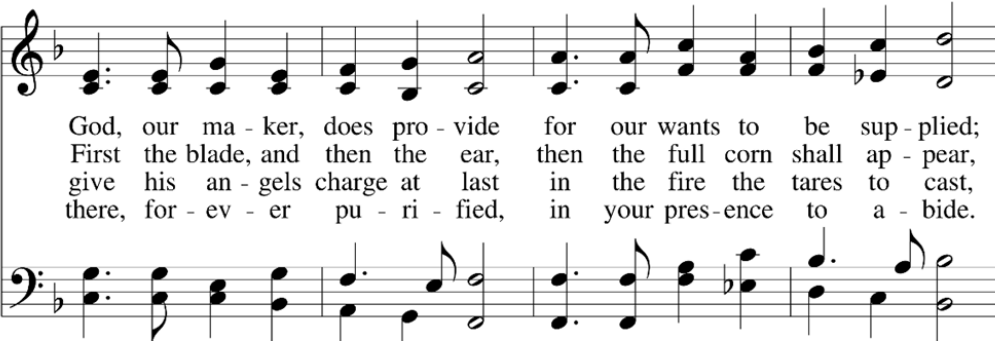
721 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



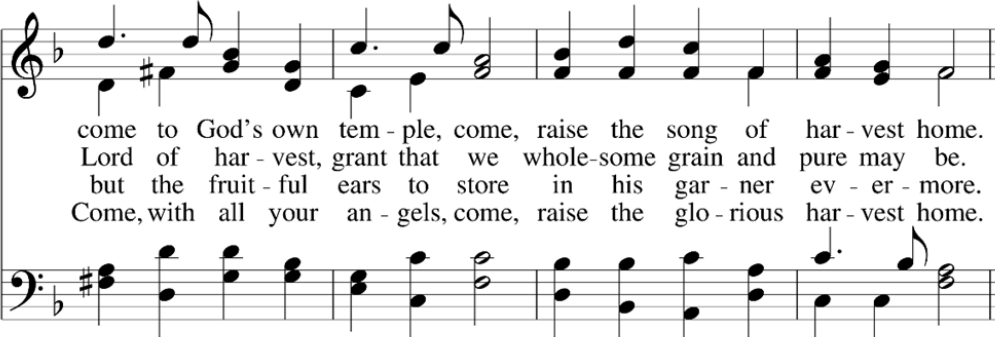
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,



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



God, our ma - ker, does 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 your pres - ence 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 your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
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GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 25: 14-30

(Pg. 806) **

Please remain standing for the Gospel Lesson

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

71 Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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SERMON Ho-Soon Han

“Driven by Fruitfulness”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
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MESSIAH
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful / El Señor Es Mi Fortaleza

Ostinato Refrain



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -



joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -



voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré.

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Leader: "The Lord be with you "

People: "And also with you..."

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

[The Lord's Prayer](#)

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (As above)

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Improvisation

Kevin G. Lindsay

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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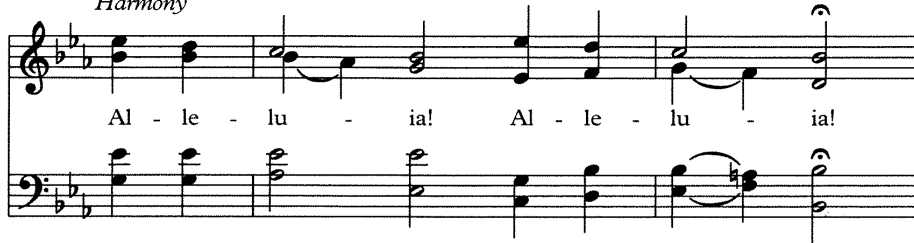


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



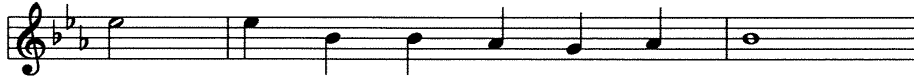
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony

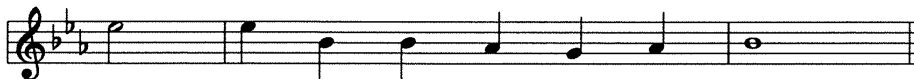


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 644

Unison

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens, in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly build - ings row on row;
3 We have con - quered worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;
4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new,

flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - chart - ed realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, honor - ing you.

we, your chil - dren, in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you.
where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun.

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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HOLY MANNA
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*THANKSGIVING BLESSING

Pulpit Side: May an abundance of gratitude
burst forth as you reflect upon what you have received.

Organ Side: May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,
and often be proclaimed in your prayer.

P: May you gather around the table of your heart
the ardent faithfulness, kindness,
and goodness of each person who is true to you.

O: May the harvest of your good actions
bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

P: May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom
among the people and events
that have brought you distress and sorrow.

O: May your basket of blessings surprise you
with its rich diversity of gifts
and its opportunities for growth.

P: May all that nourishes and resources your life
bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
May you slow your hurried pace of life
so you can be aware of, and enjoy,
what you too easily take for granted.

O: May you always be open, willing,
and ready to share your blessings with others.

ALL: May you never forget the Generous One
who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.

Amen

VOLUNTARY Recessional on "Nun Danket"

Don Hustad

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Looking Ahead

Readings for November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ the King

[Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 / Psalm 100](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23 / Matthew 25:31-46](#)

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