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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Feeding God's community in Jesus' name with bread for life in body and spirit through prayer, worship, fellowship, and service

Our vision is to be a garden of joyful disciples of Jesus at the heart of our community:  
 + planting seeds of God's grace, forgiveness, and love  
 + growing in prayer and God's Word  
 +feeding the fruits of faith to hungry bodies and spirits

9:00 am Worship  
 Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays  
 Sunday School  
 Preschool & Elementary - during church

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**

*"To provide and enhance strong dynamic worship opportunities that enhance our faith, provide spiritual growth and inspire us to share and serve.*

*Mission Possible: Christ's love in action focusing on children, youth and families."*

8:15 am Quiet Communion Service  
 10:00 am Worship  
 Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
 10:00 am Sunday School

Prior to the start of worship, please turn off **cellular phones, pagers or watch alarms** that may sound during the worship service.

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all baptized Christians who have been admitted to the Lord's Table in their own church and acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to offer white grape juice to those not desiring red wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are next to the communion assistants. Please indicate your desire for grape juice to the communion assistant. Empty communion glasses are deposited on the end of the front pews. All who commune are asked to check the "will commune" box in the red worship welcome pad.

*In response to the call of Jesus Christ, we the people of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church are committed to:*

**Celebrating** the excitement of God's influence in life by being visible witnesses of Christ and **Ministering** to the spiritual and physical needs of our community and the world, through our God given talents.

Worship with Holy Communion  
 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM.  
 Sunday School for all ages  
 9:30 AM

**FM hearing loops and large print hymnals** are available at the back of the church. Please see an usher to assist you. The church is equipped for hearing aids with ⓉTⓄ(telephone) switches.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

*Congregation: Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

SANCTUS

The Service of Holy Communion  
 Wednesday, November 24, 2010  
 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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 South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us in the United States of America—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist) where Jesus is our host and invites us to receive his blessings in the bread and wine, body and blood.

**PRELUDE** Adagio from Sonata I in F minor ó Felix Mendelssohn

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

Please greet each other saying, "Peace be with you."

**ENTRANCE HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth

**ELW #879**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen**

**P:** Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C:** you know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**P:** You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God's children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad!

**C: Amen**

**GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of - fer - ing, we are an of - fer - ing.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God, the earth and all that is in it belong to you.

**C: Inspire us to use what you have made to give justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and freedom to the captives. May our offerings, given in your name, lift up those who are bowed down; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**GOSPEL** John 6:25-35

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

**ELW #681**

**SERMON** Pastor Richard Klafehn, Bethlehem Lutheran church

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** After "God of Mercy" please respond: **Hear our prayer.**

**Meal**

**OFFERING**

*O, Praise God in His Holiness* - Gibbs  
Members of Bethlehem and Immanuel Choirs

*Please sign the red attendance pad in the pew.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: 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. Amen**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

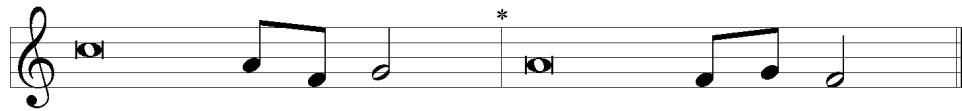
When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put 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.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



En - ter the gates of the LORD with thanks-giv - ing.



Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;\*  
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**2Know this: The LORD himself is God;\***  
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. R**

**3Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;\***  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

**4For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;\***  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age. R**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 4:4-9

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

**8**Finally, beloved, 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. **9**Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Give Thanks**



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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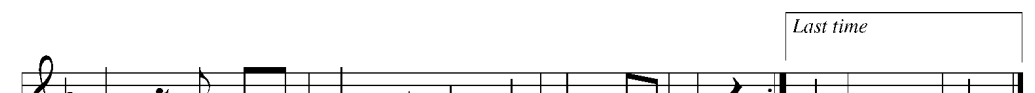
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith  
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith