

*Thank you,  
Lord!*



**Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Thanksgiving Eve Service  
November 26, 2008**

# Macedonia Lutheran Church

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## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

November 26, 2008

7:00 p.m.

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### *Thanks Be to God!*

- Prelude *Fanfare on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* setting by C. Callahan  
\* Opening Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* ELW 693 (*Red Hymnal*)  
\* Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness Pages 94-96  
\* **Thanksgiving Litany**

P: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart

**C: My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God!**

P: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

P: A broken and a contrite heart our God will not despise.

**C: He heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds.**

P: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad!

Let us pray.

**C: Lord, isn't Your creation wasteful? Fruits never equal the seedlings' abundance. Springs scatter water. The sun gives out enormous light. May Your bounty teach me greatness of heart. May Your magnificence stop me from being mean-spirited. Seeing You a prodigal and openhanded Giver, let me give instinctively like a king's child, like God's very own. Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7-20

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- \* Gospel Responses

*(O God, Our Help in Ages Past)* St. Anne

*Alleluia! Thanks be to God! What he has done proclaim.  
He sends his servants forth in peace who proudly bear his name.*

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

*Alleluia! Thanks be to God whose mercies e'er endure.  
He sends his servants forth in peace; his steadfast love is sure.*

\* Our Promises

As the American Flag is presented to the congregation, we say:

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,  
and to the republic for which it stands; one nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

As the Christian Flag is presented to the congregation, we say:

**I promise allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior, Jesus  
Christ, for whose Kingdom it stands; one fellowship uniting all  
human beings in service and love.**

Hymn of the Day

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self the country loved And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That see beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

The Sermon

**“DON’T TAKE GOD FOR GRANTED”**

Text: Deuteronomy 8:7-20

Offering

Organ Offertory

*Dialogue for Thanksgiving*

Alice Jordan

## Prayers

P: To God our Father—who created us and everything that exists; who has given our bodies and souls with all their gifts and powers; who provides us with food and clothing, home and family, occupation and recreation; who guards and protects us from harm and danger, and against all evil—thanks be to God!

To Jesus Christ our Lord—conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; who redeemed us at the great cost of his holy precious blood and his innocent suffering and death; who lives and reigns eternally—thanks be to God!

To the Holy Spirit—who calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with great gifts, unites us in the holy Christian Church and sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith until the day when all who trust in Jesus Christ will be raised beyond death to share eternal life—thanks be to God!

The Words of Institution		(No. 1) Pages 108-109
The Lord's Prayer		Page 112
Communion Hymns	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	ELW 471 (Red Hymnal)
	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	ELW 840 (Red Hymnal)
The Prayer and Blessing		Page 114
Closing Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	ELW 879 (Red Hymnal)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks Be to God!**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* setting by S. Müller

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\* Congregation Stands

**Please remember in your prayers:** Boyd Black, Joan Blomberg, Gary Britt, David Clapp, Maddie Johnson, David Millspaugh, Kalan Neal, Eloise Oliver, Aubrey, Laura & Brian Parks, Arthur Pryer, John Tarbox, Jim Ystebroe, the family of Chattie Barr, the family of William Allison, the family of Terry Harris, the family of Bill Harrison, the family of Harrison Kowiak.

*(Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.)*