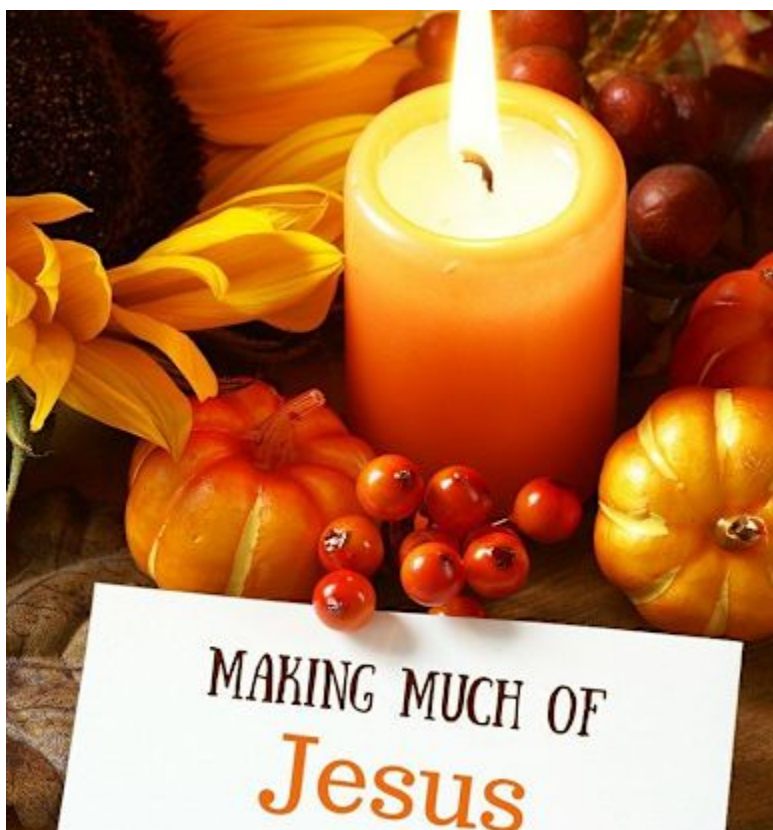


*CELEBRATING
THE GOODNESS OF GOD*



Thanksgiving 2025

Thanksgiving ... Leads to Thanks-living

November 26, 2025

A place to call home: Victory Lutheran Church & Preschool

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

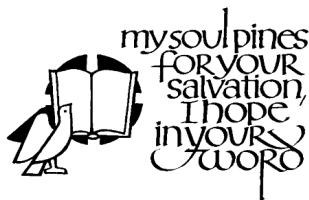
May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

Members & our Guests ... Please fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Bulletin or on the Worship Table as you enter the worship area; before you leave place it in the Thank Offering Plate during the Service or in the basket on the Worship Table. Thank you!

Hymns during the Service are from the blue Hymnals, Christian Worship, found under the chair ahead of your chair.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members of a WELS / ELS church partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



Explore our website, victorylutheran.org. You will find information on Worship, Bible Study, Devotions, Children's Sunday School, our Preschool, and More.

Follow us to stay connected: Like us on Facebook: Follow us on Instagram: Watch our live stream on YouTube, a link to the Worship Bulletin can also be found there.

WORSHIP THE LORD ...

Worship Focus: He is worthy, worthy to receive all praise and glory and honor ... and not just from you, but from every human being. As we have come together this Thanksgiving Eve, we do so with hearts warmed by God and motivated to worship Him as a way of expressing our thanks to Him for all the blessings He places into our lives ... even the ones we complain about. God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good! Give thanks!

Greeting

Hymn

507 / Let All Things Now Living

Minister: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: give thanks to him and praise his name.

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Ps 100)

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... 2 Samuel 7:18-22

Give thanks! God is great, and He is unique.

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: “Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human! ²⁰ “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant. ²² “How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

M: And yet, what do we need to admit takes places even with such reminders?

All: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do --- O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hymn

491 st 1-2 / Come, You Thankful People, Come

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Philippians 4:4-9

Give thanks! God hears our prayers and gives us peace.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

Hymn

491 st 3-4 / Come, You Thankful People, Come

A Statement About What We Believe

M: The Holy Spirit reminds us in James 1, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

All: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because He is my good and merciful Father in

heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Luke 7:36-50

Think Big Picture Leads To Big Thanks Response

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Luke 7:36-50

Give thanks! We want to give God our best.

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. ⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

Hymn

617 / Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Thank Offering

To show our thanks to God for his generosity toward us, we gather this thank offering, an act of worship (Romans 12:1), to support our Gospel-focused ministry in the Jacksonville area and beyond. See our website for other ways to support Victory's ministry and mission. If you want to give your thank offering online, you may use the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.



Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder and drop it in the box on the back (blue) table. You can also scan the QR code on the left to fill out an online Connection Card.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink.

Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his

giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

And we also pray ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hymn

598 / Now Thank We All Our God



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