

Thanksgiving Prayer

May peace surround you on this day,
and gentle grace light every way.
May joy arise in all you do,
A quiet strength that carries you.

May gratitude fill heart and mind,
with tender mercies, soft and kind.
May hope restore what time has worn,
and lift your spirit, newly born.

May every meal be blessed with love,
and favor shine from God above.
May laughter warm your home this year,
and comfort chase away all fear.

This prayer we give with love so true
A Blessed Thanksgiving, just for you.

Thanksgiving Eve | November 25, 2026



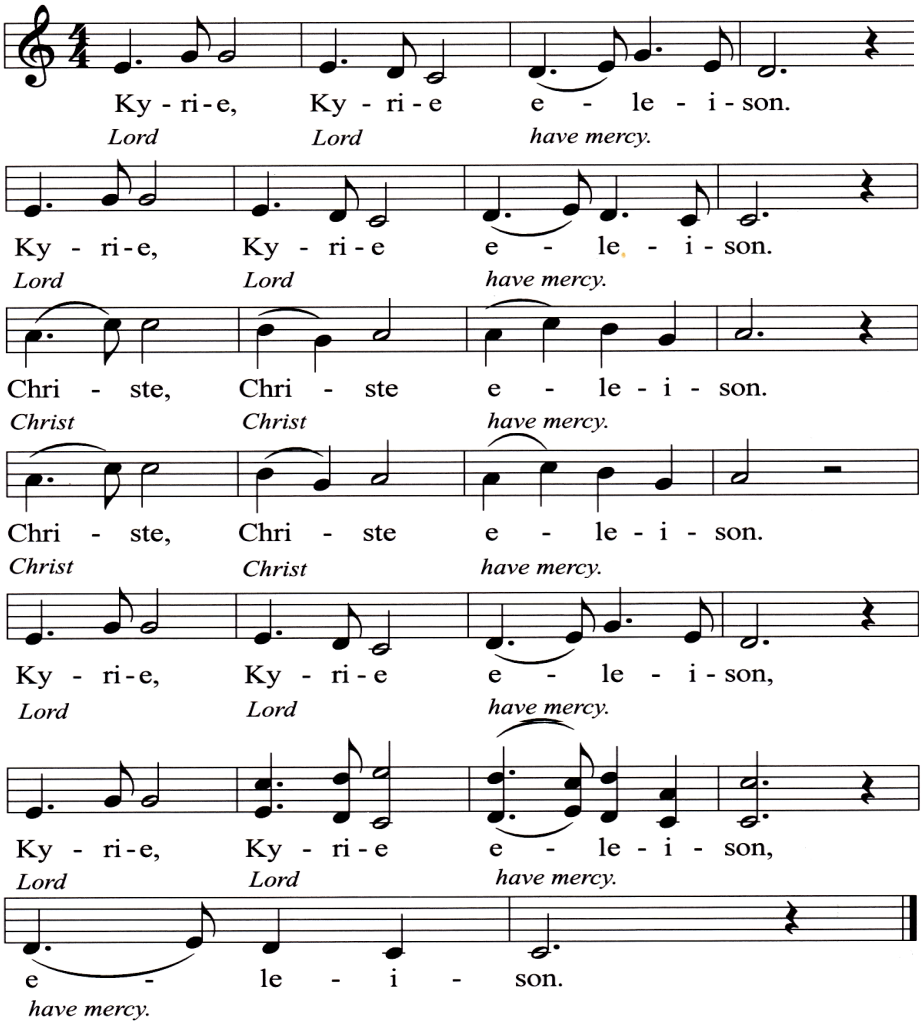
Opening Hymn

ELW Red Book **#858**

Praise to the Lord

Greeting

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray...
Congregation: **Amen.**

First Reading

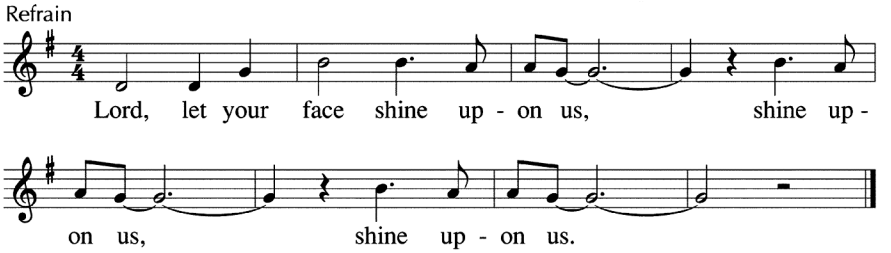
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"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, 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 God's name. 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.' 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; and God brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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."

Reader: Word of God, word of Life
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Lord, Let Your Face Shine Upon Us



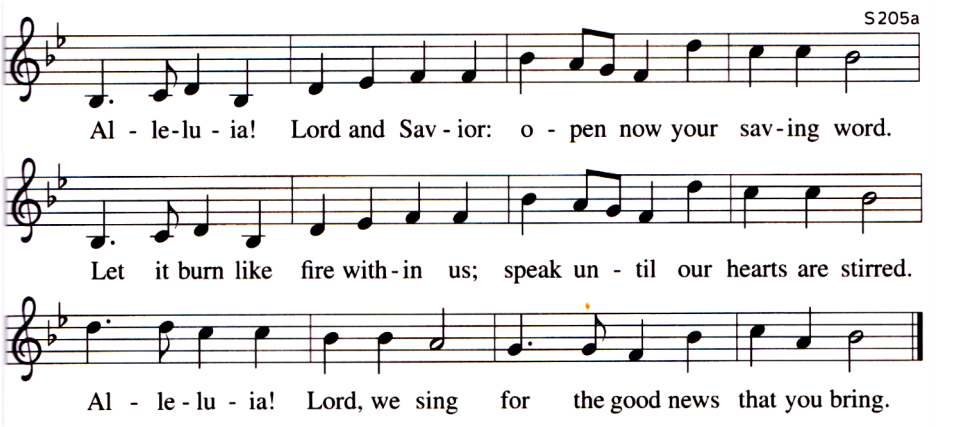
Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanks-giving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, what-ever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel

John 6:25-35

When the disciples found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 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. 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 the Divine seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent." 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilder-ness, as it is written, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

╬ The Homily ╬

Teresa Palumbo
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Prayers of Intercession

All Respond after each prayer: **Hear our prayer.**
Pastor: .....we pray all of this through Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen**

Sign of Peace

Greet one another with: **Peace be with you.**

Berakah (Ancient Hebrew Blessing)

Bread: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation…Bread of Life.
Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

Wine: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation...Spiritual Drink.
Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

Gratitude of The Offering

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God…

Congregation: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, our life and our breath, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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The Lord's Prayer *Sung by All*

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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Holy Communion

Here at Messiah, we believe that Christ is the host of this meal. Regardless of your background or tradition, we believe that all are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Grape juice is available on the trays in the central cups. Gluten-free wafers are available in the gold container on the stand between the bread distributors.

Communion Hymn ELW Red Book, **#712**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Communion Meditation

Senior Choir

Simple Thanks
Jonathan Thornton - Pianist

Blessing

Congregation: **Amen**.

Closing Hymn

ELW Red Book **#840**

Now Thank We All Our God

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**



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..... John & Carol Otterson
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Streaming ..... Clark Kellogg

This Week



Nov. 26 - Dec. 5, 2026

Thursday, November 26
Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27
Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
Column Newsletter Mailing ..... 9:00 AM

Saturday, November 28
Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 29
Worship Service ..... 8:15 AM
Adult Education ..... 9:20 AM
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM
High School Night ..... 6:00 PM

Monday, November 30
Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Prayer Shawl Ministry ..... 1:00 PM

Tuesday, December 1
Divine Yoga ..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 2
Morning Bible Study - Acts ..... 7:00 AM
YOW Activity Night ..... 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 3
Pew Keepers ..... 900 AM
Men's Fellowship Breakfast (offsite) ..... 9:00 AM

Friday, December 4
Pastor Dan's Day Off

Saturday, December 5
Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 6
Worship Service ..... 8:15 AM
Adult Education ..... 9:20 AM
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM
Sunday School Christmas Program 12:00 NOON

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