November 25, 2026

Thanksgiving Eve Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Deuteronomy

“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 his 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 he 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.”

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Philippians

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 thanksgiving
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,
whatever 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.

(pause)

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

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John

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 his 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 he 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 wilderness, as it is written,
‘He 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: Thanks be to God.