

# A Time of Worship & Praise

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 24, 2024

## WE GATHER

**\*Gathering Music:** *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* (vv. 1 & 2) 694

### Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>

Sometimes we hear the story.

**Sometimes we tell it.**

**Sometimes we ignore it altogether.**

Sometimes we're the ones who offer the welcome.

**Sometimes we're the ones who return.**

**Sometimes we're somewhere in between.**

Sometimes we're lost.

**Sometimes we're found.**

**Sometimes we're a little bit of both.**

But all the time, God is writing the story.

**All the time, God is calling us home.**

**All the time, God waits for us, ready to celebrate.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

### \*Opening Prayer <sup>2</sup>

**God of love, we hunger for your grace. When we distance ourselves from you, we long for your embrace. We have sought many things, but we are truly hungry only for you. Receive us, lonely and weary; bless us with your mercy, and feed us your grace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** *We Gather Together* 131



Please write one gratitude on a leaf  
& add to the offering plates today.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## THE WORD

### Scripture

Luke 15 (selected)

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

### The Word in Music

Chancel Choir

### Message: *Party Time*

**Hymn of Response:** *Jesus Loves Me*

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## WE RESPOND

### Our Offerings

**\*Doxology:** *Give Thanks*

2036

**\*Prayer of Dedication <sup>1</sup>**

**Take this offering, God. Add it to that welcome, to that feast, and robe, and ring that you offer the least and the lost. Add it to your party fund, and then make us the party planners, the door openers, the cupcake makers, the decorating committee, the potluck organizers, the people of God who make everyone feel wanted and welcomed and loved back to life. Do all this and more in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Our Prayers

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

895

## WE ARE SENT

### \*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn:** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

3104

Pastor Kolleen Queener

Kelley Fog, piano

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Thanksgiving Service - November 24, 7 pm

Join us for this special service in the FLC tonight.



### Advent Begins December 1!

Advent begins a new year for the church—and prepares us for Christ's birth through worship, fellowship, and through time with God. **Order your Advent devotional – Words for the Beginning—today!** Use them individually or with your household. We will distribute them next Sunday to help you encounter the blessing of Advent in a new way.

### Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gifts – Dec 8

Choose a tag from the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Tree and get some gifts for area families this holiday. UNWRAPPED items are needed by Dec 8 (donate wrapping paper if you like). Be sure to record the tag you choose on the clipboard & return your tag with your gift. You can warm some hearts this Christmas!

### Coming Up

- ◆ **TONIGHT:** Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 pm
- ◆ **Mon, Nov 25:** Card Club, 12:30 pm; Horizons, 1 pm
- ◆ **Tues, Nov 26:** Card Club 12:30 pm; Bible Study, 1:30 pm
- ◆ **Thurs, Nov 28:** OFFICE CLOSED for holiday
- ◆ **Fri, Nov 29:** OFFICE CLOSED for holiday

Worship Stewards	Today	Next Week
Acolytes	Jameson Fehr	Jaden Ward
Liturgist	Sarah Frederick	Danielle Ditch
AV	Ditch family	Anderson family
Livestream	Randy Becker	Jodi Ward
Counters/Ushers	Greg H, Dean VM	Brian G, Tony S

<sup>1</sup> Adapted, Saltproject.org

<sup>2</sup> Steven Garnaas-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net



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Worship, 10:00 am