

The background of the poster is a soft-focus image of autumn leaves in various colors including orange, yellow, red, and purple, scattered across a light brown and beige gradient. The text is centered and reads:

# THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

**7:00 p.m. ~ Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**PRELUDE**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Piano*

**WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

**INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**C: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,

**C: And all Your saints shall bless You!**

P: I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**C: We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

P: I will go to the altar of God,

**C: to God my exceeding joy.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: If we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*[Moment of silent reflection]*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sin-filled people. We are by nature sinful, and sin is present in our lives each day, in thought, word, and deed. We know that have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You require of us. We have not always lived lives that reflect thankfulness to You, the giver of all that is good. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord, who is the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully and with great gratitude here on earth until that time beyond time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.**

P: Our God has promised to hear us and to grant forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you be kept steadfast in the Holy Spirit, living each day in thankfulness to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER of the DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we may with thankful hearts receive Your great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **RESPONSE “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

**Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord, our God, shall come and shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day all offences purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** *Philippians 4:6-20 [NIV]*

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, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: This is the Word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11-19 [ESV]*

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN "We Praise You, O God"**

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

**SERMON "GRATITUDE CHANGES YOUR ATTITUDE"**

**OFFERING CONNECT**

**RESPONSE "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

**For the fruit of his creation,  
Thanks be to God.**

**For his gifts to ev'ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS of the CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *from Matthew 6:9-13*

**C: 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.**

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Sweet By-And-By”

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*Piano*

arr. Dick Bolks  
arr. Michael Cox

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION



**CLOSING RESPONSE "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!**

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert/Fred Bock

*Organ*







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