



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 10, 2021

The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church’s meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Concerto in E-flat; 2nd Movement, Andante (J. Haydn)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip’s Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From the depths of our being, a song of thanks arises, and we pour out our praise for all of God’s gifts:

A: Bread to empower our bodies,

L: Beauty to quicken our pulse,

A: Hope to enlarge our vision,

L: Love to link our lives,

A: Laughter to soften our wounds,

L: Passion to shape our maybes,

A: Community to face our fears,

L: And for this worship to be filled with joy and touched by grace.

GATHERING SONG

“Come Ye Thankful People Come”

ELW 693

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to
us new every day.

By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Joel 2: 21 – 27

²¹Do not fear, O soil;

 be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,

 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
 the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad

 and rejoice in the Lord your God;
 for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,

 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years

 that the swarming locust has eaten,
 the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

 and praise the name of the Lord your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 25 – 33

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord God, We Praise and Thank You for Your Love” *Ralph C. Shultz*

CREED

P: Let us affirm our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Give thanks to the Lord.

Response: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF PEACE

THANKSGIVING SONG

From the Bible Bunch

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"I Received the Living God"

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Remember the Lord our God, who has given you many good gifts.
Go now with the grace of God, to share God's many gifts with all the
world. Go now with thankful hearts. Go forth in joyous
thanksgiving, living the good news of Jesus Christ every day and
everywhere. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless
you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

ELW 681

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“This is the Feast”

Festival setting

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SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
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Sarah Pascoe	Cantor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



IN OUR PRAYERS

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Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Our ministries need your support. Place your offering on the plate when you enter or leave today. Or find details for other options at stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

COMMUNION

Keep 6 feet apart with your mask on. Receive the bread and then help yourself to an individual cup of wine. Remove your mask and have the wine and bread. Put the empty cup in the containers provided. Replace your mask.

THANKSGIVING ALTAR

Thank you to those who helped with the decorating of the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Fae Spark to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lisa and Peter.



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ,
we seek to connect with God,
neighbour and self.*

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

VALUES SUPPORTING THE VISION:

- Our Lutheran heritage of grace.
- Our call to pray, worship and learn as we grow in our Christian faith.
- Our need to gather and belong in Christian community.
- The call to love our neighbours as Christ loves us.
- The acceptance of all people as children of God.
- The opportunities to meet God everywhere.

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