Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church
Community Thanksgiving Worship

November 22, 2026
6:30 PM

**Please stand as you are willing and able.*
ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME

***OPENING LITANY**

Let us give thanks to God:
For the beauty of your world, the glory of starlit skies, the wonder of the changing seasons, the ever-new miracle of stirring life in the fields and forests.
We give you thanks, O God.

For the privilege of sharing with you in the act of creating the good things of earth for your children, and for your nearness in all the processes of growing things.
We give you thanks, O God.

For Christ of the country road, who walked and served in the land of Galilee, and who today walks the country roads of the world in partnership with all who till the soil.
We give you thanks, O God.

To the re-creation of the beloved community, bound together by ties of love in every countryside and town, in which all people shall share with joy in sowing the seed and reaping the harvest of the Reign of God,
We dedicate our hands and minds, O God.

To a renewed appreciation of the Holy Earth and its gifts, and to a consecrated stewardship of all its resources, material and human.
We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord.

Accept our thanksgiving, hear our prayers and help us to use well the gifts of mind, body, and life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ELW 693

***GREETING**

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.
Almighty God our Father, 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM I Will Give Thanks Courtney
Thank you to the voices in the community who participated in the joint choir anthem this evening.

WORD

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

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 8:7-18**
Read by Chris Webner, Bethesda on the Bay

7 "The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with
springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of
vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you may eat
bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from
whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the
good land that he has given you.
11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12 When
you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds and
flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied,
14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an
arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint
rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble
you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the
might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it
is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to
your ancestors, as he is doing today."

The reading may be concluded: Word of God. Word of Life.
The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 65

Read by Kieran Mulhausen, St. Barnabas

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
2 **To you, the one who answers prayer,**
to you all flesh shall come.
3 Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.
4 **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
6 **You make firm the mountains by your power;**
you are girded about with might.
7 You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;**
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
10 **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;**
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
12 **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,**
and the hills be clothed with joy.
13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

A brief period of silence is kept.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Read by Harry Finkbone, Bay United Methodist

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for

your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, [12] for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. [13] Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. [15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
The reading may be concluded: Word of God. Word of Life.
The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

A brief period of silence is kept.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19
Read by Bill Fink, Good Soil

[11] On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
[12] As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,
[13] they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" [14] When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.
[15] Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. [16] He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. [17] Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? [18] Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" [19] Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."
The reading may be concluded: Word of God. Word of Life.
The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

A brief period of silence is kept.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.
***HYMN OF THE DAY** Now Thank We All Our God ELW 840

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity (*specific local ministries may be named*). Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

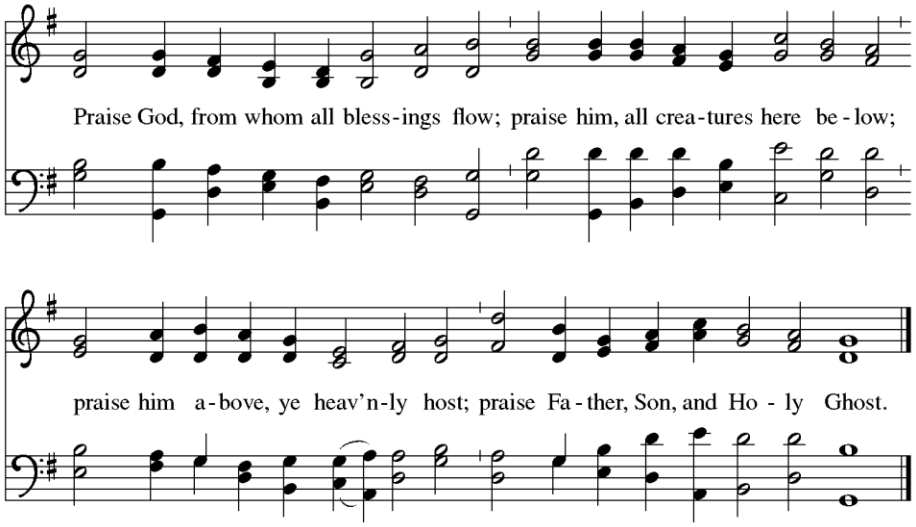
And also with you.

Greet one another as you are comfortable sharing God's peace.

SENDING

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

***DOXOLOGY**



***BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**Let All Things Now Living ELW 881

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share in the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Nun danket all Gott Albert L. Travis

Leading Worship Today

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! EAT PIE! ☺ Thank you for being here for worship this evening and sharing in this ecumenical fellowship! You are invited to stay afterward for a time of conversation and pie! The Pie social is offered in the fellowship hall toward the middle of the buildings. If you need help, please connect with one of the ushers for assistance.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP THIS EVENING is hosted by the ecumenical faith leaders of Bay Village in partnership with the Pastor of Good Soil Lutheran in Rocky River. All congregations of Bay Village have been invited to participate and share in this special time together. Thank you to members of the congregations for sharing in the gift of a joint choir this evening too! What a gift it is to praise God together in Word and Song!

NURSERY AREA is available for anyone who needs a little rest from the worship experience. There is also a changing table available in the nursery. Find the nursery room down the east hallway of the building past the church offices.

RESTROOMS and Baby Changing areas
Male and female restrooms are available across from the church offices down the east hallway of the building. Unisex restroom is available all the way down the same hallway near the Wolf Road parking lot door.

Changing tables are available in the nursery (behind the main door) and in the unisex restroom down the east hallway near Wolf Road door.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE, Saturday, December 21st at 7:00pm
Bay United Methodist Church
The holidays can be a challenging time for many and a tradition is to spend time on the darkest night reflecting on God's abiding presence and love even when are spirits are not feeling all that bright or merry. You are invited to a time of worship and prayer on the longest night of the year.

LIVE NATIVITY, Sunday, December 13 from 5:00 pm – 7:00pm
Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church
Bethesda is looking forward to bringing the story of Jesus' birth to life with the Live Nativity again this year! This event is free and open to the public. Please bring your friends and family and share in the holiness of the season.