Pastor: O triune God, You alone are worthy of all thanks and praise at this time and forevermore!
People: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.
People: O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Hear our prayer;
People: we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

Pastor: For these and all other things You know we need, we offer our gratitude. Increase our faith that we might always look to You for our blessings and return to You the thanks You are due; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord,
People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray together. We pray:
People: We give You thanks, almighty God, that through Your wisdom You sacrificed Your Son, and through His death and resurrection, we now have peace with You. Help us not act as fools, scorning our salvation or considering it a trite thing, but to be wise and receive the great gifts of life and salvation now and for the age to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" [REC 49]

BENEDICTION

SONG "Goodness of God" [CCLI Video]

DISMISSAL
Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!!!

THANKSGIVING EVE

We Are to Give Thanks and Not to Worry

November 25, 2026

AS WE GATHER
Happy Thanksgiving! You are in the right place for you are a guest of the God of all things, who in love provides for all our needs. As you reflect on the abundant blessings you have received from the Lord this year, do not forget the gift of faith. Because of what God has done for us through his son, Jesus Christ, Luke is telling us that we need not have attitudes of worry, concern, or discontentment. Instead, we need to give thanks for what God has given us. In the faith that we receive by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we thank God that we do not have to worry or be concerned or even to be discontent. We know a Savior in Jesus Christ! We have hope and salvation! We are an heir of heaven! We are a treasure more valuable than the wealth of the whole world. Rejoice that the Master has had mercy on you therefore we are to give thanks and not to worry.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "You Are My All in All" [CCLI Video]
"God I'm Just Grateful" [CCLI Video]

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" [REC 261 vs. 1-2 & 4]

INVOCATION
Pastor: In the name of the Father,
People: who created this world and each of us, a reason to give thanks;

Pastor: and of the ✠ Son,
People: our ultimate reason for giving thanks because through His love and sacrifice on the cross we are saved;

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit,
People: who calls, gathers, and enlightens us in the one true faith in Jesus. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 136:1–4*
Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who alone does great wonders,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 14:1; Romans 3:12; Psalm 136:1*

Pastor: The fool says in his heart,
People: "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

Pastor: We want to think it is other people David refers to in this verse. Yet Paul puts us all in the same category when he writes to the Romans,
People: "All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed. We deserve Your punishment, both now and for eternity.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: I have the best news for you as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all He has done this year. He has given us the greatest thing to be thankful for today—the forgiveness of all our sins. 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.
People: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SONG OF PRAISE "Give Thanks" [CCLI Video]

SALUTATION
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: Let us pray together. We pray:
People: Almighty God, we thank You for all the mercies You have shown to us. You give us food and drink, a place we can call home, and most importantly, the sacrifice of Your Son on the cross to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation through His atoning death and resurrection, which conquered death and the grave forever. Help us not to be fools, that we instead give You thanks on this day and every day. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:6–20*
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:22–34*
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON We Are to Give Thanks and Not to Worry

SERMON HYMN "Amazing Grace" [REC 199 vs. 1, 3 &4]

CATECHISM Explanation of the First Article; Second and Third Articles
Pastor: We affirm our faith in God the Father, our Creator and Caretaker.
People: He made us! We are His!

Pastor: He gives us all good things to support our life.
People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

Pastor: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have.
People: He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

Pastor: All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.
People: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Pastor: We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the Father, our Savior and King!
People: He redeemed us! We are His!

Pastor: He gives to us the most gracious gifts of all: the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting!
People: I believe 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.

Pastor: We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate!
People: He claimed us! We are His!

Pastor: He blesses us through the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper!
People: 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.