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OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
November 20, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

To the Thanksgiving table of plenty,

***Come, thankful people, come!***

To the kitchen, where familiar hands prepare with love,

***Come, thankful people, come!***

To the farm, where calloused hands plant and tend,

***Come, thankful people, come!***

To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow,

***Come, thankful people, come!***

To this Service of worship and praise of the God of Creation,

***Come, thankful people, come!***

HYMN # 559

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine.  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning.  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side. All glory be Thine.*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation.  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we like to think we have nothing to confess. If our thoughts are pure, our actions kind, and our thanksgiving genuine, have we not lived up to Your standards? Yet, You call us to put You first in all things, and we have not done that. You call us to be peacemakers, but we do little more than try to avoid conflict. You call us to a passionate faith and compassionate sacrifice, and both are difficult for us. Feed us, God, with food that endures for eternal life, and answer our thirst with life giving water. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

### DEDICATION OF 2023 PLEDGES

I ask that you please join me in prayer, and then I invite you to place your pledge card in the offering plate on the Communion Table. If you have already sent your pledge in, or if you don't have your pledge card with you, you are invited to come up anyway and briefly place your hand on the edge of the plate. Let us pray.

*We dedicate our pledges to You, O God. Help us to use them to glorify You, to be vessels of Your work in this world. Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year. Help us to see that we are all ministers, called into the Body of Christ. Use us in Your service, as we pray over these pledges, blessing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Chatfield

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray by saying: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY      *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*We rejoice in this opportunity to thank You, Gracious God, with a portion of the bounty You provide for our use. As we share materially in the work of Your Church, we thank You for pointing us beyond food that perishes to feed on the Bread of Life. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9  
John 6:25-35

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON                      “A New Twist on an Old Tale”    Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 551                *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*    ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is 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 God’s 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 the harvest home.  
From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away.  
Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in God’s garner ever more.  
  
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 presence to abide.  
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 555

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.  
Who, from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Women's Choir**

The Women's Choir rehearses Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and will be singing for our Lessons and Carols Service on December 18. New members are welcome.

### **Christmas Tea**

Our Christmas Tea will be on Saturday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m., in CE Hall. Jill Wilson is chairing the event. Tickets may be purchased during Coffee Hour for \$25 each.

### **The Little Food Pantry**

The Little Food Pantry is in need of breakfast cereal , and cans of tuna, chicken, and Spam.

When you go to the grocery store, it would be much appreciated if you could pick up an extra box of cereal, or some canned meat to donate to the pantry. Thank you so much!

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair will take place in the Narthex on Saturday, December 10, from 9 to 3. As part of our Christmas Fair, we will be selling gently used Christmas decorations. Most of us have boxes of Christmas "stuff" in our attics and basements that we haven't used in years, and probably will never use. If that's the case with you, please gather them up and give them to Pastor Ann.

### **"Jackets for Jesus"**

Once again, Debbie Eitel is spearheading a collection of gently used winter jackets and coats which will be given to the less fortunate in our community. Hats, scarves, and gloves are welcome as well. There is a large box in the hall where these items may be deposited. Thank you for your generosity.

### **“God’s Creation” Wall Calendars**

Debbie Eitel is taking pre-orders for the beautiful “God’s Creation” wall calendars. Every month features a full-color picture and a Scripture verse. Each Sunday has a Scripture verse notated as well. The price is \$8 / calendar.

### **Deck the Halls**

Yes, Christmas is coming. Those who are willing and able are invited to come to church this Saturday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. to help decorate for Christmas.

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

People are still talking about our annual Thanksgiving luncheon that was held last Sunday. Many thanks to Debbie Eitel for coordinating the luncheon, and to Chef Gary Prentiss for cooking. Gary never disappoints!

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