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Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 25, 2026

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

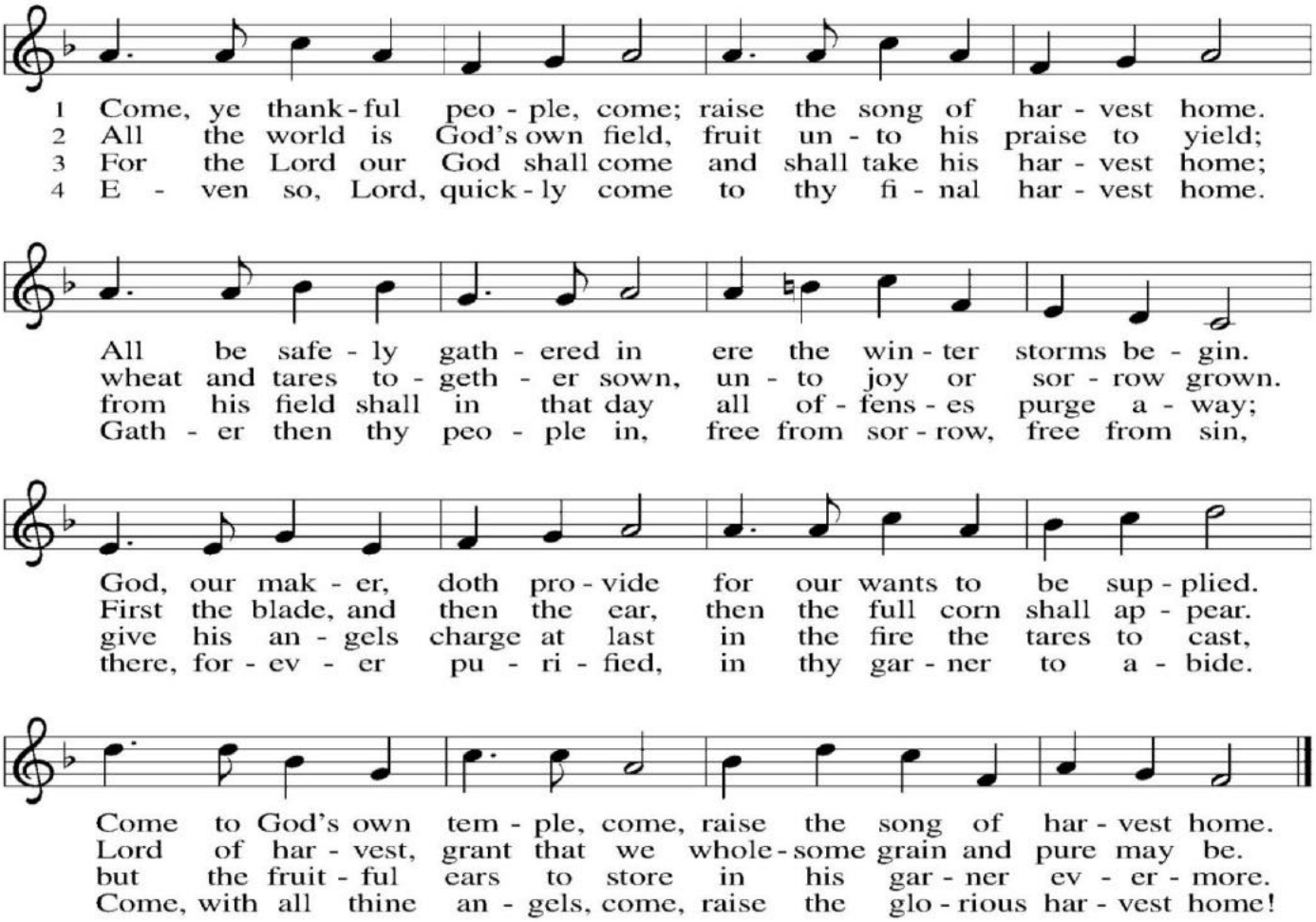
WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

Please stand.

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.

GATHERING SONG **ELW #693**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



THANKSGIVING PRAYER
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.

Please be seated.

PSALM: Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth.
2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
5 For the Lord is good;

READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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 word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STONES OF GRATITUDE AND REMEMBERANCE PRACTICE

READING: Joshua 4:1-9

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2 "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, 3 and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the

place where you camp tonight.' " [4] Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. [5] Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, [6] so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' [7] then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."
[8] The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. [9] (Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood, and they are there to this day.)
Thanks be to God.

Introduction of Practice - Gratitude Practice Led by Confirmands

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION-Created and Read by Izzy and Sapphira
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

-Additional Prayers-

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

OFFERING

LEC CHOIR "Simple Thanks"

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD
Let us pray.
Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.
Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.
Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

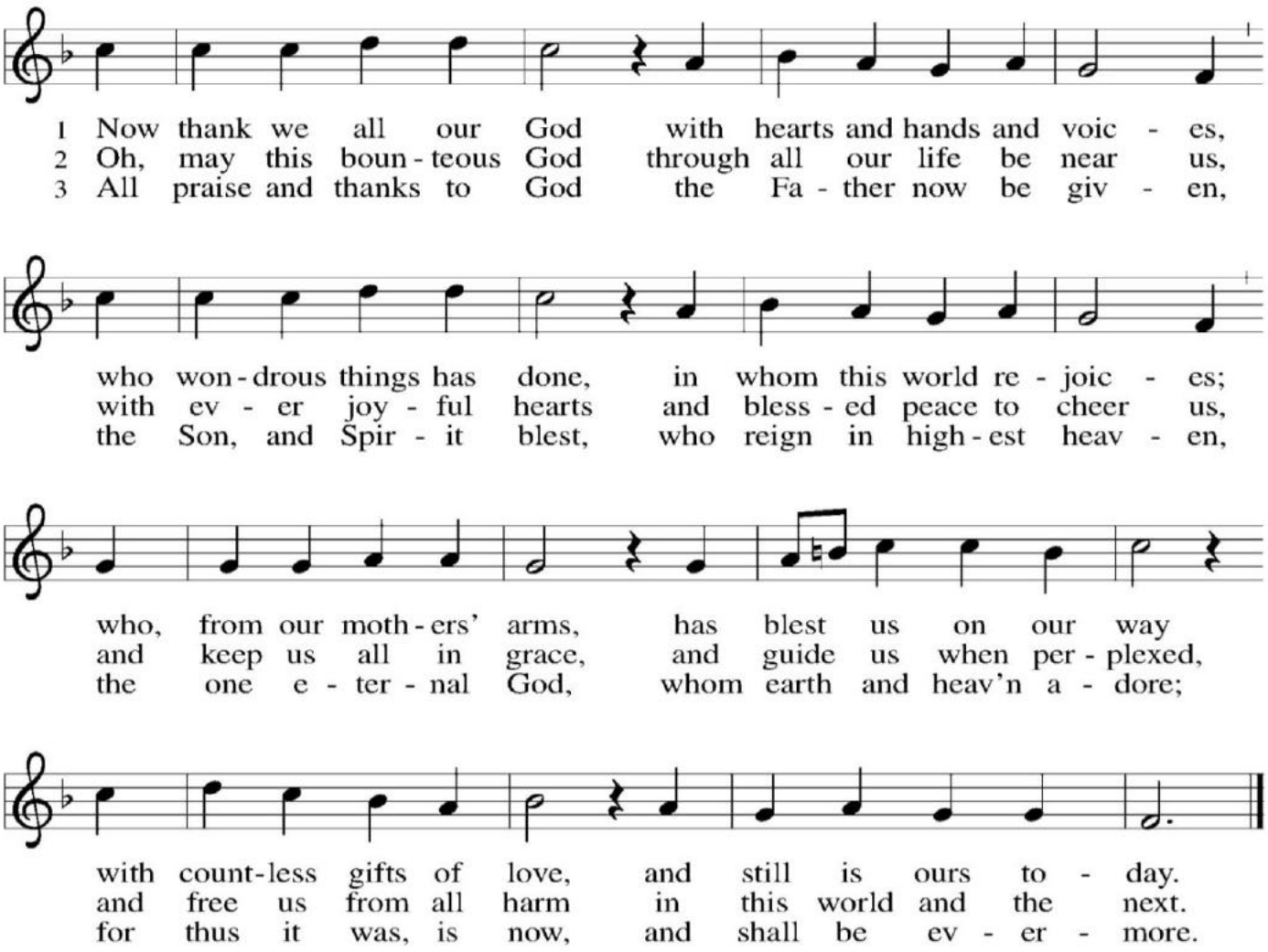
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

BLESSINGS - By the Confirmands

SENDING SONG **ELW #840**

Now Thank We All Our God



DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the basement.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Musician: Dottie Hayden
Acolyte: Sapphira Husby
Readers: Willow Lipina
Ushers: Kinsey, Teagan, Izzy, Sapphira, Willow and Audri
Videographer: Teagan Zerzanek



Little Elk Creek Advent Tea
Always Room For One More!
It's not too late! If you haven't signed up for the Advent Tea, next Sunday, please do!

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"
Angels Among Us
You are warmly invited to an afternoon of song, fellowship and refreshments to **prepare your hearts for the blessed Christmas season ahead. The delightful 'Lyster Sisters' will surely put a 'smile on your face and song in your heart'!**

Who: Our friends at LEC and New Hope
When: Sunday December 6, 2026
1:30 punch and social time (please notice time change)
2:00-4:00 pm program and refreshments
Where: Little Elk Creek Church
Please contact Lynne Quilling to let her know you're coming!
Thank-you! Lynne

LEC Christmas Bake Sale will be held Sunday, December 20th, following the 9am Sunday School Program along with fellowship in the basement.
Baked goods from all bakers is appreciated and items can be brought to the church Saturday, December 19th, afternoon by 3pm or Sunday morning by 9am. We are hopeful for a wide variety of goodies!
Any questions contact Vicki Price at 715-619-1440.

Little Elk Creek and New Hope Christmas Sunday School Programs will be on December 20th, 2026 during the church services.

Little Elk Creek 9am "A Savior is Born"
New Hope 10:30am "The Story of Christmas"

New Hope WELCA will have a bake sale on December 20th
following the 10:30am New Hope Sunday School Christmas Program.
Any baked goods donations can be brought to the church
prior to church service at 10:30am on Sunday the 20th.
All proceeds from this bake sale will be going toward
the replacing of the front doors at New Hope.

A note from the secretary's desk -



Firstly, I want to thank everyone who has been a helper in the past! You all help worship run smoothly. I need to begin working on the worship helper lists for 2027. Please let me know if you are willing to be a reader, usher, videographer or communion glass washer.
We can always use more volunteers to assist at both churches.
I hope to hear from some NEW volunteers!
Please also let me know if you or a family member has any information to update;
phone numbers,
addresses or emails.
THANK YOU!! Dianne

Annual Kids with Santa
Open House & Silent Auction

Come have your picture with Santa and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and cider and a treat bag for the little ones.



Sunday, December 6, 2026
11:00 – 1:00 at the
Downsville Community
Museum

We will also be holding a Silent Auction of creative holiday crafts, decorations, baked goodies trays and other items on display at the Downsville Community Museum from 11:00 - 1:00. (If you are interested in creating an item for the Holiday Silent Auction, please contact one of our committee members).
Bid sheets for each item will be available on that day.

Again, this year there will be Santa's Mailbox outside the Louisville Post Office located next to the museum where you can mail your letters to Santa. If you don't get your letter to Santa completed prior to December 6, you will have the opportunity to complete it and mail it up until December 24.

Thank you to the Thrivent Action Team program for helping sponsor this event.