



THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS
The Presbyterian Church of West Salem, Our Saviors Lutheran Church
and St. Teresa of Kolkata Catholic Church"

November 26, 2025

Thanksgiving Eve

6:30 PM

Prelude – *Come, You Thankful People Come*

Welcome – Rev. Debbie King-Quale

Call to Worship (From Psalm 100)

Rev. Debbie King-Quale

Leader: Make a joyful noise, all the Earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness, come into God's Presence with Song!

Leader: Know that the LORD is God, We are God's People, the Sheep of God's Pasture.

People: Let us Enter God's Gates with Thanksgiving!

Leader: Let us enter God's Courts with Praise.

People: Let us give Praise to the LORD!

Opening Hymn *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ!* v.1,2 #514 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Illumination:

Rev. Jean Schmidt

Gracious God, as we open your scriptures, we pray that you would open our minds and our hearts to the lessons you have left for us there. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, our LORD, our God, and our Redeemer, amen.

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

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⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Ecumenical Choir - *Count Your Blessings*

Second Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Mons. Jeff Burrill

¹ "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest

who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Homily Howdy! Praise the Lord!

Rev. Debbie King-Quale

Call to Offering

Rev. Jon Schmidt

People of God, every day we are surrounded by the many gifts that God has given us. We have food to eat, clean water to drink, warm shelter for rest, places of free worship where we may gather. God has truly blessed us in so many ways, and in no way so great as in the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus. Because of that gift, we know that when we give, we do not do so as a way to earn salvation, as the gift of salvation has already been freely given. Instead, when we give, we do so as a remembrance of Thanksgiving for all that God has given us. So let us worship God with our giving!

Offering *Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God* Nick Miller, Saxophone

Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Jon Schmidt

Loving, Generous God, we praise you, and praise you again for all the gifts you have given us. And now, as we offer a small portion of that giving back to you, we pray that you would bless these gifts, so that they may go out into the world, providing for others as you have provided for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Congregational Song Of Thanksgiving

***Come, Ye Thankful People Come*
v. 1,4 #551 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Benediction

Rev. Debbie King-Quale

Dismissal for Cookies!