

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Call to Worship: Psalm 95: 1-7 *(stand as you are able) Pastor Eric Hanson*

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**C: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

L: In his hands are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains are also his. The sea is his for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**C: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

L: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**C: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Gathering Hymn: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #551*

Vs 1: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Vs 2: All Thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Vs 3: Thou art giving & forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Fr. Thomas McCabe*

L: Let us pray.

C: God of grace, you have bestowed upon us abundant life. For the air that we breathe, for the ground beneath our feet, for food on our tables, and for family and friends we give you thanks. Lead us that our blessings might become gifts shared with all in need. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *Fr. Thomas McCabe*

¹When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm Response: Psalm 28:6-9 *Fr. Thomas McCabe*

L: Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings. The Lord is my strength & my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, & my heart exults, & with my song I give thanks to him.

C: Blessed be the Lord, for He has heard the sound of my pleadings.

L: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

C: Blessed be the Lord, for He has heard the sound of my pleadings.

Gospel Acclamation: “Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down” 3X *(stand as you are able)*

Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our God, and Maker.

Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our God, and Maker.

For He is our God & we are the people of His pasture & the sheep of His hand, just the sheep of His hand.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 *Pastor Eric Hanson*

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. ¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Children’s Song: “I Am Thankful”

Homily *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Song of Thanksgiving: “Now Thank We All Our God” #840

An offering for the Zumbrota Food Shelf will be collected during the Song of Thanksgiving.

**Vs 1: Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Vs 2: Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**Vs 3: All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”. Let the poor say,
“I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offertory Prayer: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

L: Let us pray together,

C: God of abundant gifts, thank you for providing what we need to live well day to day. In our abundant gifts we recognize blessings meant to be shared with others. May our gifts laid upon your table provide daily bread for those in need. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: *(please stand as you are able)* Pastor Eric Hanson

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People: *Tris Danielson*

United with your saints across time, place, and denomination, we pray for our shared world. *A brief silence.* We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ across denominations. May we live, work, and serve together as one Body of Christ, bearing witness to the unity you enjoy as three-in-one; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who provide for others. Sustain caregivers, social workers, and volunteers in their efforts Provide homes, food, employment, and medical care to all who are struggling. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you. Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir Sing: *"Can You Hear Me Whisper"*

Sharing of the Peace: *Fr. Thomas McCabe*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

Lord's Prayer: *Fr. Thomas McCabe*

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.

Closing Hymn: *"Let All Things Now Living"* #881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving; To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished; As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces, the stars in their courses; And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

The Blessing: *Solo by Katie Schafer*

Dismissal: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

L: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor

C: Thanks be to God!

All are invited for fellowship and refreshments in the narthex.

All food donations will go to the Zumbrota Area Food-shelf.

The logo features the word "Ecumenical" in a dark red, cursive font at the top. Below it, "Thanksgiving" is written in a large, orange, serif font. Underneath "Thanksgiving" is the word "Service" in a dark red, cursive font. To the right of "Service" is the year "2024" in a dark red, sans-serif font. The text is decorated with illustrations of autumn leaves and a cluster of grapes on a vine.

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