

**Welcome Guests!** *(Members for info change)*

*We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please fill out for your entire family, tear off, and place in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you!*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church City, State \_\_\_\_\_

I am a guest of \_\_\_\_\_

- First Time Guest
- Returning Guest
- New to Area
- Would like a visit
- Would like to know more about St. Mark
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Request**

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- Today **(Please hand to Pastor)**
- Prayer Chain
- Congregation at Prayer
- Pastor Kolb



**SERVANTS OF GOD**

Rev. Peter C. Kolb, Pastor  
 Bill Tucker, Elder  
 Phil Mott, Organist

**Higher Things Daily Reflections and Portals of Prayer Devotional Booklets** are available in the narthex by the main entrance. We have some large print available for both publications as well. Please ask the ushers if you need help locating these devotions. If you are unable to attend church and would like a Higher Things Daily Reflections or Portals of Prayer devotion mailed to you, please call (254) 754-0644 or email: office@stmarkwaco.com and let us know.



**Every Heart Prepare**

**Advent Services**

**Wednesdays - December 3, 10, 17**

**Meal 5:30 p.m. / Divine Service 6:30 p.m.**

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# Day of Thanksgiving



## November 27, 2025

# Thanksgiving Day

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Divine Service Setting Three, *Lutheran Service Book*, page 184

## A LOVING WORD TO THOSE GUESTS WHO WISH TO COMMUNE



We believe, as Scripture teaches, that the Body and Blood of our Lord are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament and those who eat and drink unworthily, that is, not believing these truths, do so to their great harm. Also, Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar. Therefore, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are requested to refrain from the table and speak to the Pastor or Elder to see how you can prepare in the future to also receive this gift of grace.

### Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, in Your Holy Supper You give us Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. May partakers of this sacred banquet do so in a worthy manner. Grant faith and discernment in accordance with the Holy Scriptures. Let all recipients of this gift be united in the confession and faith as they receive Your gifts at Your altar and leave confessing Your name until You come again. Amen.

### Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



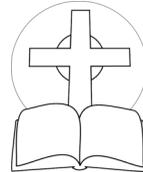
## Stewardship Notes



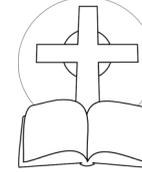
***“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land.”***

*Deuteronomy 8:7*

Have we received any less than the sons of Israel in this great and glorious land? We are so very blessed! Let us then outdo even the sons of Israel in giving thanks!



## LECTIONARY SUMMARY FOR THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING



Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
Psalm 67

1 Timothy 2:1-4  
Luke 17:11-19

### *We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word*

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth’s bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God’s almighty care. But *“man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD”* (Deut. 8:3). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: *“Go and show yourselves to the priests”* (Luke 17:14). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to *“rise and go your way; your faith has made you well”* (Luke 17:19). So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).



DAY OF THANKSGIVING  
NOVEMBER 27, 2025

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