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You shall
eat your fill and bless the
LORD your God for the
good land that he has
given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10

Our Mission Statement — Learning, Living and Sharing Christ's Love

St. Mark Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Historic, Liturgical, Lutheran Congregation in the heart of Waco, Texas. We have been serving Waco and the surrounding communities since 1917.


Day of Thanksgiving



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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.

DIRECTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor will deliver communion to those in the pews first. If you would prefer the pastor to bring communion to your pew, please let him know. Then the communicants will be ushered down the SIDE aisle beginning with the pulpit side of the church. If you are unable to kneel, you may stand in front of the rail. After receiving the Sacrament, please use the CENTER aisle to return to your seat. If you are a guest, please see our communion statement above.

Prayer before communing:	Prayer after 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.	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.

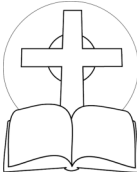


Stewardship Notes



“And he humbled you ... that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”
Deuteronomy 8:3

The flip side to this statement is what Jesus told us about worrying in Matthew 6:33: “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” When we put things in the right order — with God, His kingdom and His Word first — everything else falls into place.



LECTIONARY SUMMARY FOR THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING



Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Phillipians 4:6-20
Psalm 67 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 17:11–19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back 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.” 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 23, 2023

Opening Hymn	p. 892
<i>“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”</i>	
Divine Service Four	p. 203
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Collect of the Day	(see insert)
Old Testament	(see insert)
Epistle	(see insert)
Verse	(see insert)
Gospel	(see insert)
Nicene Creed	p. 206
Hymn of the Day	p. 785
<i>“We Praise You, O God”</i>	
Sermon	<i>“Trust in the Lord”</i>
Offering	(Offering plates are near the doors as you exit)
Prayers of the Church	p. 207
Service of the Sacrament	p. 208
Distribution Hymns	
<i>“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”</i> p. 814	
<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i> p. 809	
<i>“For the Fruits of His Creation”</i> p. 894	
<i>“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”</i> p. 790	
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<i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>	