



# HAPPY *Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, 2025 - 7:00pm  
Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025 - 9:00am

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
1800 West Maple  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, 2023 - 7:00pm**  
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**Theme: Thanksgiving**

**As We Gather**

All across our nation, people are pausing to thank God. We will gather around tables filled with good food and many of us will see all we have as the rewards of our labors. The truth is that, whether we acknowledge it or not, these things come from God and His lavish love. Faith teaches us to honor God as the source of all we call our own. On this day, we pause to remember God, to remember what He has given us, and to respond with thanksgiving.

**Prelude**

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

**Entrance of the Colors**

Brian Buckmaster, *Snare Drum*

**Gathering Hymn**

We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
Thou, Lord wast at our side, all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**Invocation**

**P:** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C:** **Amen.**

**George Washington's Prayer for the United States of America**

Almighty God; we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to

government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. – *George Washington*

### ***Hymn 36***

### **Now Thank We All Our God**

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers arms Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God Thro' all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

### ***Thanksgiving Proclamation Delivered by Abraham Lincoln, 1863***

*Read by Rick Russ*

### ***Old Testament Reading***

1 Samuel 7:7-11

*(Samuel Subdues the Philistines at Mizpah)*

When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. He cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf, and the Lord answered him. While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

## **Anthem**

7:00pm - Eve

Thanksgiving – Beck

Chancel Choir

9:00am - Day

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Rick Lee, *Vocalist*

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 17:11-19

*(Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy)*

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

## **Sermon Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it; Mount of Thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Here by Thy great help I've come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the throne of God;  
He to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy grace Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

## **Sermon**

Text: 1 Samuel 7:12

"Ebenezer Stone of Help"  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## **Presentation of Gifts**

**Voluntary - 7:00pm - Eve** Give Thanks and Glorify His Name – Larson  
Chancel Choir

## ***Prayer of the Church***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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.

## ***Celebration of Our National Heritage***

### **~ The Preamble and Pledge of Allegiance ~**

*P: We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.*

**C: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

### ***Closing Hymn***

America the Beautiful

*(Favorite Hymn of Mary Lou Mabee and Andrea Swoyer)*

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

***Recession of the Colors***

***Benediction***

***Postlude***

Rick Helderop, *Organist*

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*Sanctuary Altar Flowers* are placed by Rosemary and Steve Scheidt on their 43rd wedding anniversary giving thanks and praise for the blessings of their three children, two twin granddaughters, and another baby on the way!

*Altar Guild*

Lynn Duerr, Mary Ann Perryman, Talitha Farah, Kay Scheidt,  
Barb Button Meier, Christie Hurst, Leslie Baranowski, Tom Eley

*Audio and Video Operators*

7:00pm - Jim Endress

*Acolytes*

7:00pm - Brady and Meara SeGraves

*Crossbearer*

7:00pm - Nash Eckert

*Flagbearers*

7:00pm - Jacob Imhoff and Brian Mortenson

9:00am - Larry Bienkowski and Marty Vowell

*Ushers*

7:00pm - Karl Bushuiakovish, *Captain*; Greg Bloom, Jacob Imhoff,  
Ben Kamm, Scott Kamm, Brian May, John Mills

9:00am - Jim Grove, *Captain*; Jim Endress, Cindy Grove,  
David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Peter Pridmore, Eric Stein





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**December 7** - Regular Worship Services  
*\*"A Look Around the Manger-ADVENTure"  
after the 10:30am Service\**

**December 14** - Regular Worship Services  
*\*Lessons & Carols - All Services\**

**December 21** - Regular Worship Services  
*\*King's Brass Band with our very own Chancel Choir  
during 9:00am and 10:30am\**  
*\*\*King's Brass Full Concert at 3:00pm\*\**

**December 24** - Traditional Christmas Eve  
*Candlelight and Carols - 10:00am, 4:00pm, 8:00pm*  
*\*Santa Breakfast after 10:00am Service\**

**December 28** - Regular Worship Services

**Monday Regular Worship**  
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Sunday Regular Worship Services**

8:00am - Chapel of Mary

9:00am and 10:30am - Sanctuary

**Monday Regular Worship Services**

7:00pm - Chapel of Mary