

**Song:** "Now Thank We All Our God"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle Reading** 1 Timothy 2:1-4

*2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 17:11-19

*<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy<sup>1</sup> met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

**Message Hymn:** "God Bless Our Native Land"

**Message:** Bill Merchantz "God Bless the USA"

**Prayers of God's People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** "Give Thanks"

**Have a Joyous and Blessed Thanksgiving!**

# Living Word



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:30 pm Service

## WE REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS —

**Opening Hymn** “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

**Statement of Purpose** Our Mission Statement

**Living Word exists to...**

*Proclaim God's Love*

*Expand God's Kingdom*

*Mature God's People*

*Live God's Word!*

**Invocation**

**Confession & Forgiveness** On screen or LSB p. 184 & 185

**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed

**Thanksgiving Psalm** Psalm 67

**Elder:** *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—*

**People:** *so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.*

**Elder:** *May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.*

**People:** *May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.*

**Elder:** *May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.*

**People:** *The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.*

**Elder:** *May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.*

**Song:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Old Testament Reading** Deuteronomy 8:1-3

*8 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD*

*promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup> Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.*

**Song:** “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

**1<sup>st</sup> Epistle Reading** Philippians 4:6-20

*<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*