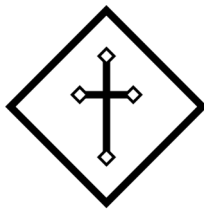




NOW  
THANK  
*we all* OUR  
GOD.

**St. Paul Clintonville**

Thanksgiving Eve November 23, 2022



## Hymn 501

Evening and Morning



1 Eve-ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing, wealth, peace, and  
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, par - don and spare me; calm all my  
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me; though bil - lows  
4 With joy - ful sing - ing let us be bring - ing to God in



glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness: these are the works of your  
ter - rors, blot out my er - rors that by your eyes they may  
tow - er, and winds gain pow - er, af - ter the storm the fair  
heav - en all we've been giv - en, of - fered as gifts our Cre -



glo - ry di - vine. Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in  
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my  
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er  
a - tor will prize. Our best pos - ses - sions are thank - ful ex -



slum - ber, your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre -  
do - ings; guard me and guide me, stay close - ly be -  
ceas - ing: these shall I trea - sure and share in full  
pres - sions: hymns that a - dore him, our wor - ship be -



serves us, caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
side me; all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.  
mea - sure when in his man - sions God grants me a place.  
fore him— all to his throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

## **Invocation** *Call to Worship*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: **Amen**

## **Confession of Sins**

Dear friends,

let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins,  
asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*silence for reflection*

## **Declaration of Grace** *through Christ*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Kyrie Eleison**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God *hymn 524*



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
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## Prayer of the Day *based on Psalm 100*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you have made us the sheep of your pasture, and we have no more joyous privilege than to enter your gates and sing your praises. When we enter the courts of your house, fill our hearts with sincere thanksgiving for your never-ending grace; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **First Reading** *2 Samuel 7:18–22*

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human!

“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord. For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

“How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 100** *read responsively*

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
**and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**



## **Second Reading** *Philippians 4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

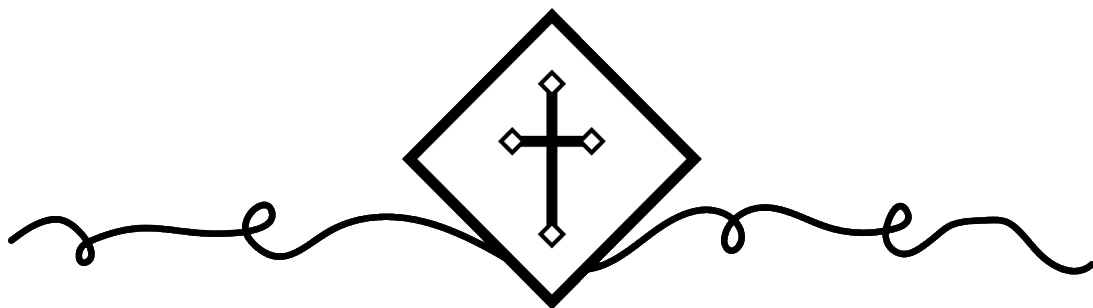
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

———*We stand out of respect for the words and works of Jesus.*———

## **Gospel Acclamation** *Psalms 136:1*

Alleluia.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.  
Alleluia.



## **Gospel Reading** *Luke 7:36–50*

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

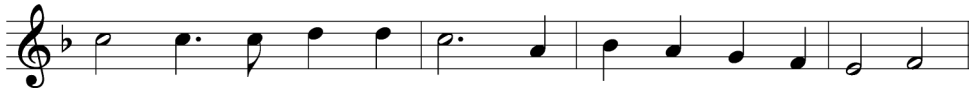
Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

### Sermon *Luke 15:1-10*

# Thank God for What's to Come

### Confession of Faith *The First Article*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.



## Offering

*Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod. The offering is collected in the golden plates by the entrance to the worship area.*

## Prayer of the Church *Thanksgiving I*

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies,  
the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work,  
for their encouragement and praise,  
and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy,  
and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**Thank you for Christian parents,  
for their affection and their care.**

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad.

Hear our prayers for...

Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

**Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always.**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done**

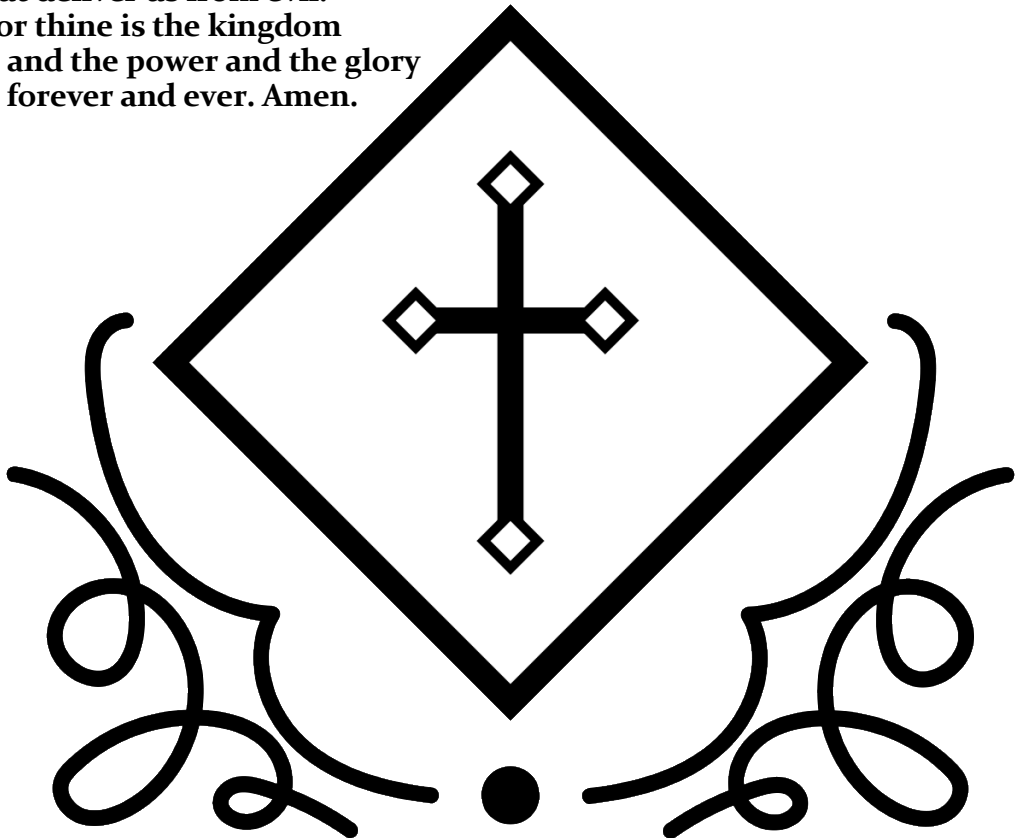
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**



# Hymn 602

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## Thanksgiving

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

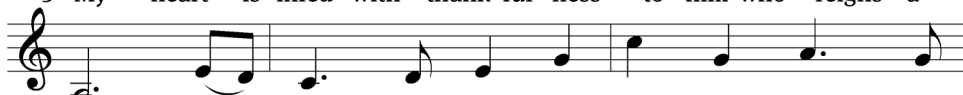
**Amen.**

## Hymn 626

### My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my  
2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be -  
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and  
side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and  
bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -  
caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -  
ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of  
nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with  
earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
life, my all, to love and fol - low him.