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The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

SILENT MEDITATION: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING
PRELUDE "Jesus, I Believe" Bill Batstone

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 797 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away.
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come; Raise the glorious harvest home.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 100)**

One: Shout to the LORD, all earth, serve the LORD with gladness,
enter God's presence with joy!
**All: Show that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong,
our shepherd, and we the flock.**
One: Enter the temple gates, the courtyard with thanks and praise;
give thanks and bless God's name.
All: Indeed the LORD is good! God's love is forever faithful from age to age.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
Gracious God, our minds are filled with thoughts of what we need. The focus of our concern is too often limited to ourselves. Our gratitude for the blessings that you bestow upon us fails to be expressed in our worship of you and in our commitment to honor you with all that we have received. Forgive us of our lack of gratitude. With grateful hearts, we would offer you now our thanks and praise for your enduring love and never-ending faithfulness to us. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

GLORIA PATRI **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Give Thanks" (with "Now Thank we All Our God") Arr. Stan Pethel

SCRIPTURE I Kings 17:8-24

SERMON "I Am Blessed"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 170 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Chrst, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Chrst, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Jesus, Come to Us" David Haas

***CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

God of all good gifts, for the blessings of the land you have given us, for family and friends who enrich our lives, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you. We have been sheltered and empowered by your generosity. In Christ you have shown us a way to wholeness and peace. Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 788 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET

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.

O may this bounteous God Through 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.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "He Is Exalted" Arr. Stan Pethel

The Liturgist is Marita Ray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP NEEDED!

All who are able to help bring decorations up from the basement,
are asked to stay after church TODAY.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be available to be purchased today and next
Sunday, November 29th, before and after worship.
They will be $12 each if purchased in person and $13 if purchased online.
See Carol Lyon for more details

CALENDARS

Pastor Paul does a weekly quote from his sermons. These quotes have been made into a wall calendar for 2027 and are now available to be purchased for $17 each. They are nice, sturdy calendars with plenty of room to write on. There is a sample calendar in the church office. Orders are due today.
For more information contact Marita Ray.

ADVENT MOVIE

Today, after worship, we will have a freewill offering dinner followed by the Advent Movie.
The movie's theme is usually used during the Advent Season.
If you can't attend and would like a link to the movie, please contact the church office.

HOLIDAY HELPERS

We are again participating in the Independence School District's Holiday Helper Campaign.
We will collect money through Sunday, December 6th.
The donations will go to families in need that aren't helped by other programs.
A family from our congregation will be matching all our gifts up to $500.
Look for a Holiday Helper can in the sanctuary.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT ON FACEBOOK

If you are worshiping in person, please “Check-in” on Facebook, then, share the service, comment on it and like it. You are encouraged to have your device out during the service.

INSTAGRAM

Use this QR code to follow St. Luke’s UCC on Instagram!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting
For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

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If you are not in agreement with this notify the church office.