

*November 25, 2009*  
*Thanksgiving Eve*

*At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

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Gathering Song..... *"Texas Kyrie"* .....Heartland Liturgy

..... *"Glory in the Highest"* .....Heartland Liturgy

Gathering Prayer.....

First Lesson.....Joel 2:21-27  
Spark NRSV Page 990 & 991, Pew Bible Page 741 & 742

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson.....1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Spark NRSV Page 1324 , Pew Bibles Pages 963

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Choir.....

The Gospel.....Matthew 6:25-33  
Spark Story Bible Pg. 276, Spark NRSV Pg. 1065, Pew Bible Pg. 787 & 788  
P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message.....Intern Nathan Strong

Hymn..... *"Now Thank We All Our God"* .....#840

The Apostles' Creed.....

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church.....Page 105

**A:** God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the peace .....

The Offering.....

Consecration of food for the hungry.....

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy.....Heartland Liturgy

Christ's Words before the Meal.....

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.**

The Lamb of God.....Heartland Liturgy

The Communion Distribution.....

Communion Blessing.....

Hymn ..... “Canticle for Departure ” .....Heartland Liturgy

## **~Worship Assistants~**

**Greeters** ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

**Reader** ~ Carolyn Lien

**Acolytes** ~ Alex Loomis & Allen May

**Communion Assistants** ~ Andy Christensen & Don Hoehn

**Ushers** ~ Taylor Hinchley & Yana Rawinski

**Pianist** ~ Judy Rusch

### ***Celebrate the Advent of Christ at these special events and devotional services:***

**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**—*Caroling and Cookie Exchange: We assemble at 6 p.m., exchange cookies, and then travel as caroling groups to visit homebound members and nursing homes in Cambridge, Fort Atkinson, Edgerton, and Stoughton. Bring one or two dozen cookies for the cookie exchange. Maps and driving directions provided.*

**Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.**—*Christmas Cookie Decorating Festival: Bring your family for a morning decorating Christmas cookies (sugar cookies with frosting and sprinkles) and learning to make Norwegian specialties like krumkake, julekake, sanbakle, and others.*

**Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.**—*Stained Glass Window Meditations and Soup Suppers: We'll backlight the church windows, offer biblical meditations on the stories depicted in our two windows, and sing Holden Evening Prayer. This is the perfect way to enjoy a quiet, peaceful Advent evening. We serve a soup supper each evening at 6:45 p.m., hosted as a fund-raiser by the youth traveling to Colorado next summer for a week on trail backpacking at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Bible Camp.*







