

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25, 2021

OLD SWEDES CHURCH 7:00 P.M.



**A Service of
Thanksgiving**

THE SEASON IS...

the Season after Pentecost—sometimes called Ordinary Time. This season begins after the feast of Pentecost and runs through to the first Sunday of Advent. The focus of the season is the daily Christian life — life lived in the light of the resurrection, in the faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. The liturgical color of the season is green.

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like. **NOTE: Because our services are live streamed, we felt it prudent for security not to publish the last names of people on our prayer list.** If you would like a copy of those listed with their full names, please contact the parish office.

IN PERSON WORSHIP

The worship service is live streamed, therefore you will be on camera during communion and possibly during the service. Masks are required in the church buildings. Also, please silence your cellphones. Please take your bulletin home with you. The service begins at the beginning of the prelude and concludes at the end of the postlude.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Felicia Gaus-Woollen—Reader
Tom Hopper—Intercessor
Ray Stiles—Crucifer
Betty White—Usher
Steve Dooley—Altar Guild

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HOLY EUCHARIST

Organ Prelude

Prelude on "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise"

Conrad Kocher
Setting by Gordon Young

Processional Hymn 290

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,



come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
we whole - some grain and pure may be.
store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
 Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you

power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 65

**You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.**

**Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.**

**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

**Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

**You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.**

**You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

**You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.**

**You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.**

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.**

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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Gradual Hymn 288

Praise to God, Immortal Praise



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

The Gospel *Those who are able, please stand.*

Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

Offertory Hymn 705

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Unison or harmony



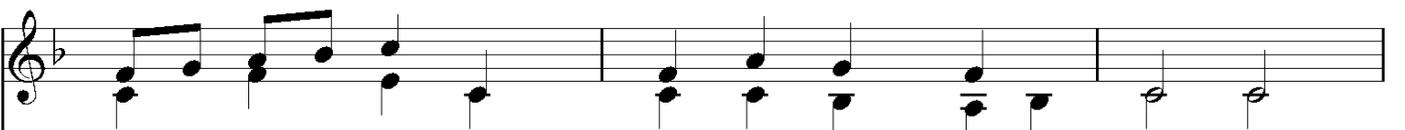
1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and
3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to



field to God, the giv-er of all good, the
give; to make our life an of-fer-ing to
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with



source of bount-eous yield; so we to-day our
God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
all hu-man-i-ty. O thou who gav-est



first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
call-ing us to make the dream come true: a
us thys-elf in Je-sus Christ thy Son, help



farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song LEVAS II 232

Thank You, Lord

Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord;

Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord;

I just want to thank you, Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

My friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And yet rest assured; God is infinitely more concerned with the hope of our future than the sins of our past. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn VF107 (pg 15)

Let All Things Now Living

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Organ

Postlude on “Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Crüger
Setting by David P. Dahl

Announcements

Stewardship 2021—We have invited a few of our parishioners to share with us the importance of Trinity in their lives, the affection they hold for Trinity, or how they view the holy obligation of stewardship as it applies to our parish. They have produced videos which are accessible on our YouTube page.

Adult Formation classes at Trinity via ZOOM.

- **December 1, 8, & 15**—Patty will lead the group in *Seeing God in Every Day*.
Seeing God in the every day. — As we begin another year in the life of the church and prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of the Christ child, how do we see God at work in our lives? Where does the biblical story meet our experiences? How does our faith govern how we are in the twenty-first century world? Patty will lead us in an exploration of making the connection between Sunday morning worship and Monday morning living. All classes will be on Zoom, beginning at 7 pm. More information will be available in our Wednesday emails.

Christmas memorials. As the holidays approach, many of us think of family and friends who have gone before us. One way of celebrating their lives is to make a memorial gift to be used in funding the Christmas decorations at Trinity and Old Swedes. If you wish to make such a gift, please mark your check ‘Christmas memorials’ and include the names you wish to have listed in the bulletin. The list of names can be on a separate sheet of paper. If you prefer to donate online, please include the names **and** send a list to office@trinityparishde.org. Minimum suggested donation is \$25. Deadline for these gifts and lists of those being remembered is December 17. If you have questions, please call the parish office at 302-652-8605.

'Tis the season for giving—The “giving” trees are up in the lobby at Trinity Church! The tree by the nursery is for donations of hats and mittens for the families in need in our community. On the tree next to the parish office are tags for gift cards for the residents of Epiphany House and children through Friendship House and tags for the gift of light and heat through a donation to Friendship House. ***Please take a tag and return it with the items requested on the tag by Wednesday, December 15th.*** You can bring them with you on Sunday mornings or during the week to the parish office.

December 12 – Old Swedes Open-Air Christmas Market & Sankta Lucia Celebration – from noon – 3:30 pm the Open-Air Christmas Market returns, featuring local arts and crafts vendors, raffle baskets, music and food, plus items from our Gift Shop. Tours of the site are ‘Pay What You Wish’ during market hours. At 2:00 pm, join us for a traditional celebration of the Feast Day of Sankta Lucia, a holiday that is still marked by light and music in Sweden today. The Delaware Swedish Colonial Society and Old Swedes Historic Site co-sponsor the annual December celebration of Sankta Lucia, bringer of light and herald of the Christmas season.

Advent Waffle Church is December 11th at 10-11 am. Waffle Church is a monthly Bible-oriented program geared to families with children ages 3-10 years old. Join us each month for a Bible story, a craft, and of course - WAFFLES!

Help us make the church shine for the holidays! Saturday, December 18 at 10 am we will be having a Polishing Party to make everything sparkle! Many hands make for less work!





CHRISTMAS AT
TRINITY & OLD SWEDES

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 pm Pageant at Trinity
7 pm Celebración de la Santa Misa en Español
10:30 pm Old Swedes candlelight service

December 25 - Christmas Day

12 pm worship service at Trinity

Recessional Hymn VF107

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um-phant-ly raise, who fash-ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic-ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the
love and re - joic-ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"



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