Second
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Worship Service for
Thanksgiving
November 26, 2026

God Gathers His People

Prelude "We Gather Together" arr. Held
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Woods

The Introit "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" LUYH 357

The Greeting

The LORD be with you.
The LORD bless you. Ruth 2:4

***The Peace**

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

***The Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless.
The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

***The Opening Hymn** "We Gather Together" CH 790

***The Collect of the Day**

Faithful God, you visit your people with bread, and you do not leave them empty. You turn our mourning into dancing and fill our hands with more than we deserve. As we give thanks for the harvest of this year, open our eyes to see that every good and perfect gift comes down from you, and that your greatest gift is your Son, our Redeemer. Make us a people who remember all your benefits; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***The Song of Praise** "Blessed Be Your Name" LUYH 343

God Pardons and Renews Us

The Call to Confession

Moses warned God's people that once they had eaten and were full, and their herds and flocks had multiplied, their hearts might grow proud and they would forget the LORD their God. On a day of full tables, let us confess our forgetfulness to the God who has never forgotten us.

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us more than we can count, and we have counted it as our own. We have eaten and been satisfied and forgotten the hand that fed us. We have called ourselves empty while you were filling us, and we have complained in the very places where you were providing. We have held tightly to what you gave us to share, and we have overlooked the stranger, the widow, and the hungry at our gates. Forgive our ingratitude and our forgetfulness. By your Spirit, give us hearts that remember all your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

The Kyrie "Kyrie Eleison" Iona

The Words of Assurance

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Blessed be the LORD,
who has not left us this day without a redeemer.

The Rule of Gratitude

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

***The Song of Gratitude** "Goodness of God" Johnson/Cash/Ingram

God Speaks His Word

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, your kindness goes before us, even when we cannot see it. You have taught us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of your law, and by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word and give us grace to receive Christ our Redeemer as he is offered to us in the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Reading of Ruth Ruth 4:13-22 p. 224

The New Testament Reading Matthew 1:1-6 p. 807

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon "Blessed be the LORD"

***The Hymn of the Day** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" LUYH 67

We Respond in Faith

The Prayers of the People A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, who satisfies us with good things, and bring our prayers to the One who has not left us without a redeemer.

For the harvest of this year: for fields and orchards, rain and sun in their seasons, and everyone who planted, picked, packed and delivered the food on our tables. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

For homes and families, for friends who have become family, and for strangers you have made our own. Thank you that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens, but members of your household.

For this congregation: for a year of your faithfulness in our worship, in teaching our children and in caring for one another. Thank you for the generations who prayed for us. Give us grace to tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD.

Song of Response "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" LUYH 357

Remember those whose tables will be empty or lonely today: those who grieve, those far from home, and those who have lost work or health this year. You set the lonely in families. Visit them with your kindness and make us part of your answer.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember our nation and every nation. Give wisdom to all in authority, so that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives. Make us a people who leave the edges of our fields for the poor and the sojourner.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Above all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, born of David's line, who gave himself as our ransom; for the Spirit who keeps us; and for the harvest still to come, when he returns.

Spoken thanksgivings from the congregation.

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offering World Renew-Medical / Love In Action / GHCS / WMCHS

"And now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me… And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."
Deuteronomy 26:10-11

The Offertory "Thanks Be to God" Handel

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" LUYH 473

***The Benediction**

The Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes
Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon
Brass: Paul LaMaire, John Klinger, Chris Hordyk, Jason Zuidema, Dennis Schaaf
Flautist: Karen Katje
Oboist: Sally Wagenmaker
Organist: Cathy Schaaf
Pianist: Julie Hordyk
Vocalists: Robin Kieft

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

Volunteer Schedule

November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving)
Projection: Dan Braak
Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dan Meindertsma, Jason Zuidema
Sound: Mike Katje
Ushers: Team 3 – Ken Terpstra, Jon Kaemingk, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma
Coffee Hosts: Jon & Ann Kaemingk; Steve & Ruth Marotti
Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma
Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Evie Hoekzema
Walk Out: Family Worship
Greeters: Tony Razzini; Curt & Cheri Ter Haar
Council in Parlor: Dale Schuitema, Ken Terpstra
Offering: World Renew Medical/Love In Action/GH Chr School/West Mi Chr School

November 29, 2026
Projection: Dan Wagenmaker
Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge
Sound: Jim Warners
Ushers: Team 4 – Rick Geertsma, Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn
Coffee Hosts: John & Cindy Klinger; Chuck & Jeanne Schuch
Nursery: Machelle Knochenhauer, Mary Wierenga
Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Kyla Zuidema
Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Cheryl Diephouse
Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Rio Gasser
Greeters: Dale Schuitema; Guy & Alishia Terrill
Council in Parlor: Ken Terpstra
Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministry

Calendar

Friday, November 27
1PM-4PM – Jan Veenstra Open House

Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29
10:00AM – Worship Service

Monday, November 30
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
12PM-5:45PM – Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 1
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
7-8PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, December 2
9AM-12PM – Office Hours
1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

Thursday, December 3
9AM-12PM – Office Hours

Friday, December 4
Office Closed

Saturday, December 5
8AM – Tool Time

Sunday, December 6
10:00AM – Worship Service
11:30AM - Afterword

Monday, December 7
9AM-12PM – Office Hours

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