Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.
P For the beauty of the earth, the harvest of the field, the blessings of creation,
C we gratefully rejoice.
P For the time spent with family and friends, for meals shared, for love given and received,
C we gratefully rejoice.
P For Scripture and prayer, for preaching and pondering, for worship and wonder,
C we gratefully rejoice.
P For learning and growing, for work and accomplishments, for skills and talents,
C we gratefully rejoice.
P For all that deserves our thanks and praise, honor and glory, adoration and applause,
C we gratefully rejoice. Amen.

Sit

Hymn: “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
   Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
   Your festal banner wave on high,
   The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

Refrain:
   Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong
   As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
   The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,
   With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
   True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still,
   With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle
   The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high,
   Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
   Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
   The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
   Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
   The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
   One God forevermore. Refrain

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Stand

P Dear Lord who brings us great joy, we confess that we do not always live in that joy.
C Forgive us for wallowing in sadness and not recognizing your gifts to us.
P Though you have poured out your love to us in so many ways, O Lord,
C Forgive us for not loving you and others as we should.
P Though you have been by our side through thick and thin, O Lord,
C Forgive us for not always staying close in our relationship with you.
P Though you have done great things for us every day of our lives, O Lord,
C Forgive us for all the sinful things we have done in opposition to you.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.
Rejoice in this Good News: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). We are washed clean in the blood of Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us that we might be forgiven. Our lives are now to be living sacrifices to God, holy and acceptable to him (Romans 12:1).

Our praises rise like incense to our God who graciously removes the stain of sin.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God ever good, we thank you from the depth of our hearts for the gracious ways in which you have filled our lives with your love. We are grateful for the gifts both large and small that are part of our days. The sun at its rising and its setting reminds us of your Light that guides our feet to do your will. The food we share at meals each day and especially at our Thanksgiving meals helps us to see how you strengthen our bodies in many ways to serve you more. The people that are closest to us recall for us that you have called us to work together in your kingdom to build up the faith in each one of us. The signs in your creation show us that you care deeply for all that you have made and that we, too, should care lovingly for everything around us in your holy name. Let us rejoice in you always. Amen.

SIT

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-18

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan, as your portion for an inheritance.”

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♫ “ON THIS DAY OF CELEBRATION”

EPISTLE READING 1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-21

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good.

STAND

THE GOSPEL READING LUKE 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, 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 cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”
Sit

SERMON HYMN: ♫“SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST”

1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
   Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
   Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
   In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
   A joyous song of love.

2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,
   The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
   The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness,
   All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
   With plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
   The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
   The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
   When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
   Who gave His life for all.

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SERMON: “COME, LET US JOYFULLY REJOICE”

By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

♫ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
♫ Amen.

OFFERTORY

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.
Sit

GERMAN HYMN: ♫ “NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT” LSB 895

1. Nun danket alle Gott
   Mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
   Der große Dinge tut
   An uns und allen Enden,
   Der uns von Mutterleib
   Und Kindesbeinen an
   Unzählig viel zu gut
   Bis hier her hat getan.

2. Der ewig reiche Gott
   Woll uns bei unsrem Leben
   Ein immer fröhlich Herz
   Und edlen Frieden geben,
   Und uns in seiner Gnad,
   Erhalten fort und fort
   Und uns aus aller Not
   Erlösen hier und dort.

3. Lob, Ehr und Preis sei Gott,
   Dem Vater und dem Sohne
   Und dem, der beiden gleich
   Im höchsten Himmelsthrone,
   Dem einig höchsten Gott,
   Als er anfänglich war
   Und ist und bleiben wird
   Jetzund und immerdar.

Stand

PRAYERS

O bountiful Lord, you overflow with gifts and blessings to us. Continue to supply all that we need to support this body and life, and let us live ever grateful to you for every richness you provide for us day by day. Rejoicing in you,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

O powerful Lord, you make the oceans surge and the winds blow, the rocks tumble and the mountains quake, the plants sprout up and the trees tower toward the sky. Help us to stand in awe of your strength and humble ourselves in your presence as the ruler of all. Rejoicing in you,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

O loving Lord, you surround us with people who love and care for us on your behalf, and you place before us those who you have called us to love and care for in return. Let your deep love for all reign in our hearts as we respond to one another unconditionally. May your sacrifice on the cross serve as a model for how to serve one another wholeheartedly. Rejoicing in you,

we give you thanks, O Lord.
O all-present Lord, you are with us at all times. Allow us to be more present toward you and one another in our thoughts, words and deeds. May what we think, say and do acknowledge that you are the reason for our being and the guider of our lives. At work, home and school, always watch over and keep us. Rejoicing in you,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

O blessed Lord, on this Thanksgiving, we shower you with our gratitude for the harvest of this field and the crops that fill our storehouses. Nourish us with the food and drink around our Thanksgiving tables and remind us always of the harvest of faith that you have granted in our hearts with fruits of the spirit. Rejoicing in you,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

In all things, open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. For all good things come from you and every fiber of our being is enriched by you. Rejoicing in you,

we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

HYMN: ♫“PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING”

1 Praise and thanksgiving,
   Father, we offer
   For all things living,
   Created good:
   Harvest of sown fields,
   Fruits of the orchard,
   Hay from the mown fields,
   Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor
   We bring to serve You
   That with our neighbor
   We may be fed.
   Sowing or tilling,
   We would work with You,
   Harvesting, milling
   For daily bread.

3 Father, providing
   Food for Your children,
   By Your wise guiding
   Teach us to share
   One with another,
   So that, rejoicing
   With us, all others
   May know Your care.

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Stand

**GERMAN BENEDICTION**

Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!
Der Herr erleuchte sein Angesicht über dich
Und sei dir gnädig!
Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich und
Gebe dir Frieden!

[Amen, Amen, Amen.]

**BENEDICTION**

Thankful to our God and rejoicing in his comfort, I say to you: The Lord bless you and keep you in his goodness. The Lord make his face shine upon you with his grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you his peace.

[Amen, Amen, Amen.]

**CLOSING HYMN: “SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU”**  

Schöner Herr Jesu,  
Herrscher aller Herren,  
Gottes und Mariä Sohn!

Dich will ich lieben,  
Dich will ich ehren,  
Meiner Seelen Freud’ und Kron’.

Schön sind die Wälder,  
Schöner die Felder  
In der schönen, Frühlingszeit,  
Jesus ist schöner,  
Jesus is reiner,  
Der unser traurigs Herz erfreut.

Schön leucht’t der Monden,  
Schöner die Sonne  
Als die Sternlein allzumal.  
Jesus leucht’t schöner,  
Jesus leucht’t reiner,  
Als all die Engel im himmelssaal.

Alle die Schönheit  
Himmels und der Erde  
Ist nur gegen ihn als Schein.  
Keiner soll nimmer  
Lieber uns werden  
Als er, der schönste Jesus mein!
The cornucopia on the altar is placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all his blessings.

Our thanks to First National Bank for sponsoring the broadcast of this morning’s service on radio station KBUK.

**Serving today:**
- **Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
- **Organist**– Susan Michael
- **Acolytes**– Jay Woelfel and Lydia Schautschick
- **Head Ushers**– Donald Becker
- **Captain**– Mason Becker
- **Assistant**– Carson Becker
### 2021 Advent/Christmas Schedule

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