

THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

For the Eve of the National Day of Thanksgiving
Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs

7:00 P.M. _____ 23 November 2011

[We rise] **The Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** p. 189

Opening Hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #892

The Opening Sentences & Psalmody
The Sentences p. 229

The Psalm for the Day -- Psalm 100

Antiphon: ¹ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; **Come before His presence with thanksgiving.**

³ Know ye that the LORD, He *is* God; It is He who hath made us, and not we ourselves; **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise: **Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting: **And His truth endureth to all generations.**

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!

Antiphon: **Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands!**

[We are seated]

Office Hymn “We Praise You, O God” #785

+ The Word of God for the People of God +

Response after each reading:

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God!**
Deuteronomy 8.1-10 Philippians 4.6-20 Luke 12.13-31

The Common Responsory to the Lessons p. 230

Sermon Hymn “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” #893

Sermon

The Offering is Received

+ The Praises and Prayers of the People of God +

[We rise] **The *Canticle*, The *Magnificat*** p. 231

Responsive Prayer 1 (The Suffrages) p.282

The Versicle and Response

The Our Father

The Apostles’ Creed

The Afternoon/Evening Verses p. 283

The Collects and Evening Prayer p. 233

The Collect for the Harvest: O Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast blest the labors of the husbandman and given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season, grant us grace to use them to Thy glory, to the relief of those that are needy, and to our comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the Living Bread which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen!**

The Collect of Thanksgiving: O Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that, acknowledging with our whole hearts all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

Luther’s Evening Prayer: I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear son, that Thou hast graciously kept me this day; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. **Amen!**

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing p. 234

Final Hymn “Now Thank We All our God” #895