

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 22, 2023

6:30 pm

*Let Us
Give Thanks*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Gratitude does not depend on what is given or what is received. Gratitude is an attitude of the heart. One with a grateful heart stops immediately. Nothing else can go on until thanksgiving is expressed. That is what we see in the one leper who is healed. He cannot go back to his old life, nor can he begin his new life until he returns to Jesus, the source of healing, and offers Him thanks and praise. Our nation has been richly blessed by God. Each of us has received mercies new every morning. The key to contentment and peace is neither the abundance of gifts nor an absence, but a heart that returns thanks to the source of those gifts. Today we pause to do that, as a nation, as a people, and as Christians.

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously
reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY

Pastor: In the first year of the presidency of George Washington in 1789, a Day of National Thanksgiving was set aside for the last Thursday of November. Since that time, Americans have celebrated this day in remembrance of all the blessings which God has poured down upon this nation and her citizens.

In the presidential proclamation for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln had this to say:

"It is the duty of nations as well as of citizens to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord ...

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten

the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On this Thanksgiving Eve let us confess our neglect of God's good gifts and pray for forgiveness and faith.

People: Lord God, we confess that, though every good and perfect gift comes from You, we have not always been aware of Your goodness nor have we paused to give You the praise and thanks that You are due. Open our eyes as we open our hands that we may know Your mercy, receive Your forgiveness and give You our heartfelt gratitude, not only this day but all our days.

Pastor: Paul says in Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;

People: come before Him with joyful songs.

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;

People: we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

People: give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Pastor: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

People: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

People: give thanks to Him and praise His name.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: LSB 806

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together,

All: God of all, thank You for the life You give me, the goods which You supplied to me, the power to make a difference in this world. Be with me in my daily tasks, my daily joys, my daily sorrows, so that every day, every minute belongs to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-20

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern

for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Simple Thanks”

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-17

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was

healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God
 With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING AND TREASURE BOX

OFFERING HYMN LSB 785 We Praise You, O God

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

People: for food, health, clothing, and homes.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for the many freedoms we enjoy.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for a just government.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for teachers, pastors, family, and friends.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for the gifts You give to Your Church.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.

(A moment of silence to give thanks to God.)

Pastor: Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your Kingdom.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With joy and gladness let us pray the prayer Christ Jesus taught us.

All: 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 892

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 966

Before You, Lord, We Bow

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- 2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

- 5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

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COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
- 4 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for the oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

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PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, all things are Yours, and yet Your goodness provides for us more than we deserve or dare ask. Equip our hearts with Your Spirit, that we may learn gratitude and offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have provided, most of all for the treasure of salvation that is ours through the merits of Christ, our Savior, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSINGS FOR THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the Lord of all creation shower His blessings and favor upon you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with His presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of His eternal Kingdom.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And may Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: (Tune: LSB 965) My Country, Tis of Thee

My country tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love. I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture fills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to, Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!