



**“We give Thanks to the Lord!”
Thanksgiving Eve**

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Franklin, Wisconsin
November 23, 2022**

Welcome to Worship

The Lord is and will always be good. The Lord has and will always be good to us - which means we will always have reasons to give thanks. We may not always see God's blessings, we may not always feel thankful, but the more time we spent meditating on his Word, the more we see what great things he has done for us in Jesus.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Kristal and Noel Young Violens

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our God is our Creator,

Congregation: We thank him for our bodies and minds.

P: We thank him for family and friends.

C: We thank him for food and drink.

P: We thank him for our homes and possessions.

All Sing:

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.

Christian Worship #609, vs. 1

P: Our God is our Redeemer.

C: We thank him for calling us to faith in Jesus.

P: We thank him for freeing us from sin's power.

C: We thank him for breaking the sting of death.

All Sing:

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 battles we win.

Christian Worship #609, vs. 2

P: Our God is our Sanctifier.

C: We thank him for calling us to faith in Jesus.

P: We thank him for claiming us as his own in our baptisms.

C: We thank him for strengthening our faith through his Word.

P: We thank him for strengthening our faith through his Supper.

C: We thank him the fruits of faith.

All Sing:

With voices united our praises we offer;

To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Christian Worship #609, vs. 3

P: What better place is there to give thanks than at church—gathered to praise and thank our generous, merciful God for all our blessings.

C: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father and Bountiful provider, we praise You as the Giver of our daily bread - what we need each day to live. We thank You for blessings far beyond daily necessities in this land of abundance. But we especially honor You for the Bread of life - Your Son and our Savior Jesus. As sinners who deserve none of these blessings, may we marvel at Your grace and give You sincere thanks today and every day.

C: Hear our prayer and receive our thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

FIRST READING & ADDRESS

DEUTERONOMY 8:10-18

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of

slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

CONGREGATION HYMN

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #615

1 We thank you for your bless - ings, Al - might - y
 2 This day of great thanks - giv - ing We count them
 3 But best of all your bless - ings, The rain - bow

Lord, our King; We thank you for the har - vests,
 one by one: Our free and fruit - ful coun - try,
 of your love, Are all the man - y mer - cies

Yes, Lord, for ev - 'ry - thing: For flow'rs that bloom in
 The great things you have done, Our fam - i - ly, our
 Your Word brings from a - bove. Our life now has full

spring - time, For rip - 'ning fruit and grain, For
 loved ones, The guard - ian an - gels' care, Our
 mean - ing— Christ Je - sus is our God! Thanks -

all the pre - cious sun - shine, And for the gen - tle rain.
 ver - y self and heart - beat—Lord, hear our thank - ful prayer!
 giv - ing shall be liv - ing The way the Sav - ior trod.

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

CONGREGATION HYMN

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #250

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your

praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till

ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
 suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

CONGREGATION HYMN

COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #613



1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal



har - vest - home. All be safe - ly gath - ered in
 praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown,
 har - vest home, From his field shall in that day
 har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in,



Ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our mak - er
 Un - to joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and
 All of - fens - es purge a - way, Give his an - gels
 Free from sor - row, free from sin, There, for - ev - er



shall pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied. Come to
 then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of
 charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the
 pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with



God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home.
 har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 all your an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

WE THANK GOD FOR SPEAKING TO US

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the things in your creation that bring joy and beauty to us.

P: Thank you for a place to live, for clothing, food, and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects or assignments that you bless.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of friendships.

P: Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for the energy and joy of children at play.

P: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian role models, for their affection and their care.

P: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and in the sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

C: Thank you for creating us and adopting us through baptism.

P: Your kingdom come,

C: Thank you for giving us the truth of your Word.

P: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

C: Thank you that you accomplish your will for us and through us.

P: Give us today our daily bread.

C: Thank you for giving us what we need each day – and so much more of what we want.

P: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

C: Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit to understand your complete forgiveness. Give us strength to forgive others the same way.

P: Lead us not into temptation,

C: Thank you for keeping temptations from us, and helping us to overcome temptation with your strength.

P: But deliver us from evil.

C: Keep away from us all things that may bring harm. If you do allow bad things to happen to us, use them and us to let our light shine to your glory.

P: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

THE BLESSING

P: Go out into the world in peace, be strong, hold on to everything good, don't repay evil for evil, strengthen the discouraged, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - be on you and stay with you forever.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #610



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.



Come, Lord Jesus!

Advent 2022

The Latin word *adventus* means “coming.” The last words in Scripture are “Come, Lord Jesus!” Thus, the season of Advent begins with the end in mind. We enter a new Church Year with our eyes fixed on the End when Jesus Christ will come and destroy this sin-broken world. Yet, we know that Jesus has come into our world once before. The Son of God became the Son of Man. From the manger to the cross, Jesus did everything necessary to redeem mankind. As this new Church Year walks us through the entire life of Christ, we see God’s promises of deliverance fulfilled... God’s plan of salvation completed. And so, when Christ comes again, while the universe will be destroyed, we know God’s people will be ushered into a new, glorious, everlasting kingdom.

Advent prepares us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. For Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time, believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. Come, Lord Jesus!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Advent 1 – Come, Lord Jesus as King – November 27 & 28

Advent 2 – Come, Lord Jesus as Judge – December 4 & 5

Advent 3 – Come, Lord Jesus as Messiah – December 11 & 12

Advent 4 – Come, Lord Jesus as Immanuel – December 18 & 19