

Thanksgiving Worship November 24 & 25, 2016

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
THANK THE LORD!

Worship Participants

- Liturgist Pastor Brian Adams
- Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Organist Miss Heather Schmidt
- Junior Choir Director Mrs. Marie Becker
- Adult Choir/Junior Handbell Director Miss Heather Schmidt
- Violin Soloist Mrs. Kristal Young

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Junior Handbells and Violin Soloist

THE OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Christian Worship #234

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,

he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Please stand

THE INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

THE PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. *(Psalm 100:1-2)*

C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.** *(Psalm 146:1-2)*

M: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. *(Psalm 100:3)*

C: **I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.** *(Psalm 139:14)*

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. *(Psalm 100:4)*

C: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations** *(Psalm 100:5)*



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Christian Worship #334

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (6:30 PM)“Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord”
by Roger Thornhill & Brad Nix

*Let us give thanks to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord.
With jubilant voice and joyful noise, let us give thanks to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord.
With praise loud and strong and joyful song, let us give thanks to the Lord.*

*For gifts small and great, we offer our praise.
For life and for love, our worship we raise.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord.
With jubilant voice and joyful noise, let us give thanks to the Lord.*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord.
With jubilant voice and joyful noise, let us give thanks to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord.
With praise loud and strong and joyful song, let us give thanks to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.*

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:10-18

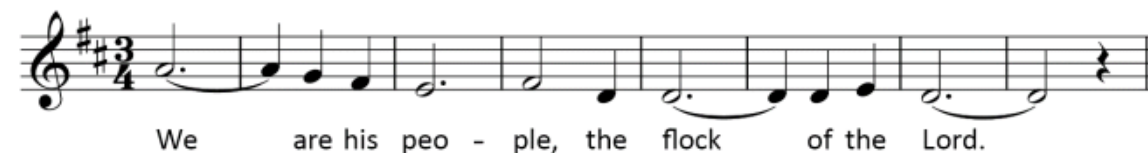
When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build 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.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 100

Setting by David Haas

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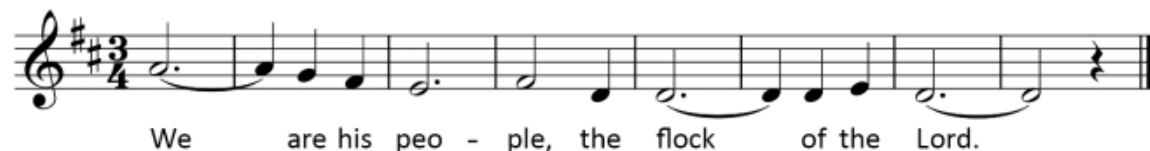


Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you lands.
Serve the Lord now with gladness,
come before him singing for joy. **Refrain**

Know that the Lord is God!
He made us we are his,
his people, the sheep of his flock! **Refrain**

Go, now within his gates giving thanks.
Enter his courts singing praise,
give him thanks and bless his name! **Refrain**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
his mercy endures forever,
for the Lord he is faithful,
he is faithful from age to age!



THE SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 4:10-20

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. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, 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; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRESCHOOL – GRADE 4 ANTHEM (6:30 PM) “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow’r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. {Refrain}

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. {Refrain}

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them, ev’ry one. {Refrain}

Have gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. {Refrain}



ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM (10:00 AM) “We Thank You, Lord”
by Nancy Price & Don Besig

*Thank you, Lord, for the freshness of the morning.
Thank you, Lord, for the clear blue sky above.
Thank you, Lord, for the bright new day that’s dawning, filled with all your love.*

*Thank you, Lord, for the valleys and the hillsides.
Thank you, Lord, for the waves upon the shore.
Thank you, Lord, for the breezes and the sunshine.
Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord.*

*We join this day, as one, our hearts and hands and voices.
For wondrous gifts of love, your grateful world rejoices.*

*Thank you, Lord, for the love within our fam’lies.
Thank you, Lord, for the fellowship of friends.
Thank you, Lord, for the quiet, understanding grace that never ends.*

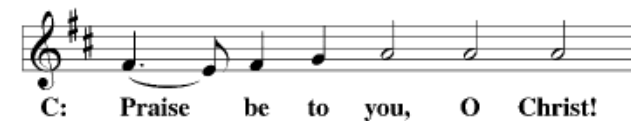
*Thank you, Lord, for wonders of creation.
Thank you for the power of your word.
Thank you, Lord, for your promise of salvation.
Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord.*

*For all good gifts we have to share, for guiding us with loving care,
with joyful hearts we bow to pray: O Lord, we give our thanks this day.
Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.*

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 17:11-19

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 ^h 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.”



Please be seated

ALL-SCHOOL ANTHEM (6:30 PM)..... “Sing to the Lord With Joy”
by John Carter

*Sing to the Lord with joy! Enter His gates with thanksgiving!
Sing to the Lord with joy! Come to him with a song!
Sing to the Lord with joy! Enter His gates with thanksgiving!*

*Sing to the Lord with joy! Come to Him with a song! For we are his sheep.
He cares for us each day; His love never ends and He will show us the way.
Sing to the Lord with you! Enter His gates with thanksgiving, with joy!
Come to Him with a song!*

*Sing to the Lord with joy! Enter His gates with thanksgiving!
Sing to the Lord with joy! Come to Him with a song!
Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord with joy!
Come to Him with a Song!*

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For He is the Lord, We bless His holy name; His promise is sure;
 He'll always be the same. Sing to the Lord with joy!
 Enter His gates with thanksgiving! Sing to the Lord with joy!
 Come to Him with a song!

Sing to the Lord with joy! Enter His gates with thanksgiving!
 Sing to the Lord with joy! Come to him with a song!
 Come to Him with a song!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Now Thank We All Our God"
Christian Worship #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.

THE SERMON Philippians 4:10-20
 Contentment 101: Just Let Go!

Please stand

The First Article of the Apostles Creed

An explanation from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal and loving Lord, at this time of national thanksgiving we remember with grateful hearts all the blessings you have showered on your people for another year. The sun rises and sets each day by your power. The earth spins in its regular orbit, and the planets and stars move across the heavens under your control. The skies pour out rain, and the land produces food according to your wisdom. With your guidance, talented and industrious people invent, manufacture, and supply what we need and desire for our lives. What can we say as we consider how richly you have blessed us?

C: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

M: Righteous God, you are not unaware of our sins. You know that we were born with the disease of sin, and you see the sins we commit everyday--too many to mention. But you have not destroyed us, nor have you punished us as we deserved. You sent your Son to take our place under the crushing weight of guilt. You accepted his sinless life in place of our sinful lives, and punished him instead of us. Through Holy Baptism you worked in us the miracle of faith and now, with your Spirit's power and by your Word and Sacraments, you sustain that miracle day after day. What can we say when we think of what you have done for us in Christ?

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all my sins and crowns my life with love and compassion.

M: We thank you today for all the blessings you have showered on Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. Week after week you enable us to gather here to proclaim the message of your love in speech, song, and symbol. By this gospel you forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and empower us to live for you and others. What can we say?

C: Our mouths shall speak in praise of the Lord.

M: Now we pray that you would guide and guard us in the future as you have in the past. Pour out your wisdom on those we have called and appointed to lead us in our ministry and service. Enable us to work together in love, to rejoice in our progress, and sustain our vision. As we carry out our ministry

here, keep us mindful of the responsibilities we share with fellow Christians in our church body. Lead us to be generous as we bring our offerings so that the gospel may be proclaimed not only on our corner but also to the ends of the earth. The future is full of opportunities and challenges: never easy, always difficult. What can we say?

C: God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

M: Use all we have, O Lord--our wealth, our abilities, our time, and our energy--to bring glory to you and good to people around us. Lead us all to make Christ the head of our homes. Allow our national stability to be a cause for us to increase our mission efforts. Give us wisdom and faith to look past the luxuries of this life to that which has eternal value. As we think of the blessings that come from Christ, we pray:

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth and his salvation among all nations.

M: We pray especially today for those who are not able to join family and friends on this national holiday. Let them find joy in your presence and wrap them in your arms of love. We pray for those who are sick and suffering on this day, and for those who may close their eyes in death. Keep watch over their beds and show them the light of your grace. We pray for those who serve in our military forces, for those who have been wounded in battle, and for the families of those who have given their lives in service to our nation. Show them the face of your Son that they may come to see him as their King and Savior. When we think of others less fortunate than we, what can we say?

C: Let all who are wise listen to these things and remember the great love of the Lord.

M: Help us to receive all your blessings with thankful and humble hearts. We do not deserve your physical blessings any more than we merit the gift of your salvation. Destroy our sinful pride, protect us from Satan's temptations, and grow in us a true spirit of love and service. In everything we do, as members of a family, as citizens in this land, and as members of this congregation, lead us to believe and say:

C: Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory because of your love and faithfulness.

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 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.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living"

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1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es

To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks-giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"