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Thanksgiving Day



*In everything give thanks.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 47 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings** (please stand for last verse)

## Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** On this day of thanks we come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. We come to offer Him our thanks and praise for all His goodness. But we have disobeyed Him. We do not deserve to come before His holy presence. We deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. Give thanks to Him for He truly has **"blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ!" (Ephesians 1:3)**. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us now praise the Lord:

**P** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** **And my mouth will declare Your praise!**

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** **Make haste, to help me, O Lord!**

## 893 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

LSB 893



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.  
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.  
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning and who, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, abundantly provides for all our needs of body and soul, give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## MAKE A JOYFUL SHOUT TO THE LORD

*Antiphon*



*Psalm Tone*



Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! \*  
Serve the LORD with gladness;  
Come before His presence with singing. \*  
Know that the LORD, He is God;  
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; \*  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

*Antiphon*

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise. \*  
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.  
For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, \*  
And His truth endures to all generations.  
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.

*Antiphon*

## Second Reading

*Philippians 4:4-7 (EHV)*

**P** The second reading is from Philippians 4:4-7.

**C** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

*<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**P** Here ends our second reading.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Confession of Faith - 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed with Luther's Explanation

(Sydow Catechism, p. 97)

**C** I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe that God has created me and all creatures.

He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life.

He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it.

For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## Hymn of Thanksgiving: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

## **Sermon Text: John 6:25-35 (EHV)**

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup> Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup> So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent.”

<sup>30</sup> Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”


<sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!”

<sup>35</sup> “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

## **Sermon Theme: Thanksgiving When You Already Have Everything**

- † What type of attitude can we be tempted to have when we have been blessed with so many things in so many different ways?
  
- † Why is an “attitude of entitlement” so detrimental to having a thankful heart?
  
- † What (or Who?) is the cure for an attitude of entitlement? (**see v. 35 and Psalm 103:2**)

**Offertory**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Choir Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful for the Beauty"**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

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

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving** *Adapted from Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal – p. 128*

**P** Lord of heaven and earth, You made all things beautiful. You have provided so many wonders for us to enjoy in this world You have made. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C Thank You for blessing us with the gifts of Your creation.**

**P** Thank You for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink that sustains us. Thank You for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank You for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C Thank You for the people who bless our lives. Thank You for those whom we work and serve with, for the joys of human friendships, for the love of our families, and for fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**P** Thank You for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C Thank You for times of recreation, rest, and joy. Thank You for holidays with friends and family members. Thank You for our children, whose boundless energy and joy bring happiness to our lives.**

**P** Thank You for the smiling faces of loved ones that greet us each day and care for us.

**C Thank You for Christian parents and grandparents, for their affection and their care.**

**P** Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Most of all, thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for His coming to us in Word and sacraments, for His giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers.

**C Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.  
Lead us in thankful living today and always.**

**P** Hear us, O Savior, as we pray in Your name the prayer that You taught us:



## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- C** 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.

## Benediction *The "Apostolic Blessing" (2 Corinthians 13:14)*

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: 895 Now Thank We All Our God (*please stand for last verse*) LSB 895

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



A blessed and joyful day of Thanksgiving to you all in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Let us all remember to whom we are giving thanks – God Himself. He is certainly worthy of our thanks and praise every day of our lives. May God give us all more appreciative and thankful hearts, for He truly “has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Please join us in thanking and praising our Savior Jesus again at our worship service this Sunday.

**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.  
We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.  
If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.



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Friday – No School at MLS (Thanksgiving Break)

Church Cleaning: Team #3 (11/23-11/30); Team #4 (11/30-12/7)

Sunday:  
12/1/24

**Choir – 8am**

**Worship – 9am**

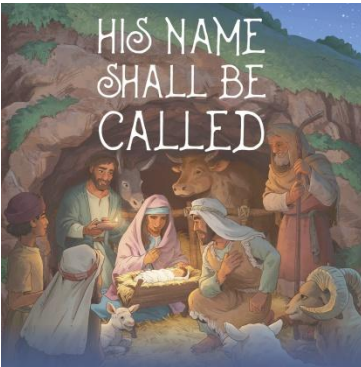
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

**Christmas Decorating – 11am** (Activity Group 4 & any and all volunteers!)



**Church Christmas Decorating – This Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11am** – Activity Group 4 will be decorating the church for Christmas after Bible Class and Sunday School this Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am. The congregation is invited to help with the decorating. The more the merrier!

**Wed. Advent Worship Begins 12/4 @ 6:30pm** - Make plans to join us for our 3 Wed.



Advent Worship Services beginning on **Wed. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**. Our series this year will be entitled: "His Name Shall Be Called." During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means "Jehovah saves." In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. In this year's Advent series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father,"

and "Prince of Peace." We will learn how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

**Christmas Caroling – Saturday, Dec. 7th – Meet at Church @ 4pm** – This year our Christmas Caroling will be held on **Saturday evening, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**. We'll plan to meet at church at 4pm and will be singing at Villa in Greenfield (4:30pm) and New Perspectives in Franklin (approx. 5:30pm). We plan to meet back at church afterwards for a chili supper. Please come and join us spread some Christmas cheer as we sing of our Savior, who is the reason for the season! (Note: Lord willing, next year we will go back to doing our Christmas Caroling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December.)

**Slide Show Operator Volunteers Needed** - The Board of Elders is looking for additional volunteers willing to serve as Slide Show Operators for church services. We're looking for at least 2 more individuals—men or women—who are willing to serve as volunteers for this role. If you are interested, please contact Eric Williams via email ([eandhwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:eandhwilliams@hotmail.com)) or text (**414-587-5062**). Thank you!



**Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info** – I would like to have a “face to face” visit, which would include a short devotion, with each family and/or individual in the congregation over the next few months. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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