

*Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## **Festival Service of Word and Sacrament**

*in celebration of*

### **Thanksgiving 2020**

November 26, 2020

#### **OPENING HYMN**

**We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | 609**

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

**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.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**M:** Dear children of the heavenly Father. Every sin is an act of thankless rebellion against the good and gracious Lord. Each and every sin, ever since the first sin, flows from a self-engrossed thankless heart. Come, let us approach our merciful Lord, seeking His forgiveness for our profound thanklessness.

**C:** **Lord God, Creator and Judge of all mankind, hear my confession this day according to your steadfast love and kindness. I freely confess all my failures to obey your holy will. With shame I acknowledge them as thankless offenses to your holy majesty and loving goodness. With fear and guilt I admit to a life of sin and a heart filled with selfish affections. I have no excuse and know your just judgment is eternal separation from you and all that is good.**

**Having lost all hope in myself, I rely exclusively on your eternal mercy through Jesus Christ and claim the reconciliation he won for me on the cross. Take away my guilt. Crush my thankless sinful self and renew me as your thank-filled child in thought, word and deed.**

**M:** Our dear Lord addresses us, *“Take heart, friend, your sins are forgiven.”* His blood has cleansed your thankless heart of its guilt. Through holy baptism he gives you the Holy Spirit, to renew you daily as new creations in Christ Jesus. He sets you free from sin’s ingratitude. He sets you free to live lives of thanksgiving to him, the Living God, our Creator, Provider, Protector, Redeemer and Comforter.

*Arise* in the peace of Christ’s forgiveness.

Enter the LORD’S gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose favors are divine.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die.

'Tis he forgives my sins; 'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses And makes me young again.

He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest;  
The Lord has judgments for the proud And justice for th' oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known  
But sent the world his truth and grace By his beloved Son.

### THE 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### THE WORD

#### THE LORD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

##### FIRST LESSON

**Deuteronomy 8:10-18**

*The full ought to be thankful! But sin turns the full into people full of themselves: impressed with themselves, fat and sassy. Such people are truly empty, for they've forgotten him who fills us in every way, giving us life and all that we are and have.*

<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. <sup>16</sup> He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. <sup>17</sup> You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."

<sup>18</sup> 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 forefathers, as it is today.

**M:** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.  
 For his gifts to ev’ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
 Future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.  
 In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.  
 In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,  
 In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.**

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**SECOND LESSON**

**Philippians 4:4-20**

*Christian thanksgiving is not dependent on abundance. It flows from faith that knows our riches in Christ. Resting on God’s promises we can be content and thankful in every circumstance.*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

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

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> 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; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Psalms 136:1**

**M:** Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.

**WELCOME YOUR KING**

**Let All Things Now Living | 260**

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
 To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
 Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
 Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 God’s banners are o’er us; His light goes before us,  
 A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
 Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
 As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”**

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## GOSPEL

**Luke 17:11-19**

*Here's a man who came to Jesus to get well and got far more than what he asked for. Jesus also gave him a thankful heart. Contrast his condition to the other nine and you'll see who was fully healed.*

**M:** The Gospel, Luke 17.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him — and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.

**M:** This is the Gospel.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## THANKSGIVING HYMN OF THE DAY

**Now Thank We All Our God | 610**

**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 mother’s arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**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.**

**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.**

**THANKSGIVING MESSAGE – See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.**

## PRAISE GOD, CONFESSING HIS NAME

### Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that God created me and all that exists,  
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,  
property and home, spouse and children,  
land, cattle, and all I own,  
and all I need to keep my body and life.  
God also preserves me by defending me against all danger,  
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.

## PRESENT OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD WITH SONG

### THANKSGIVING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own | 485

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.

And we believe thy Word Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THANKSGIVING

**M:** Heavenly Father, you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Day after day you warm and water the earth, and give people everywhere health, strength, companionship, and countless other blessings. You send out the gospel to all people and through it you give the forgiveness of sins, new life and deliverance from every evil. We know and confess that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from you, the Father of the heavenly lights.

**C:** Your love endures forever.

**M:** We acknowledge with grief, that while you are giving and generous, we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry. Forgive us for these and all our sins. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Prevent our abundant blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us. Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

**C:** Your mercy endures forever.

**M:** On this Day of Thanksgiving, pour out your Spirit on us. Bless us with a faith that knows that as long as we have Jesus, we have more than enough. Through your promises set us free from worry and fill us with the assurance that you will supply all we need and more. Move us to be so captivated by your generosity that we become boldly generous.

**C:** **Your love endures forever.**

**M:** Be with your people wherever they might be on this holiday. Bless us all with thank-filled hearts. Protect all who are traveling. Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.

**C:** **Your mercy endures forever.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions and thanksgiving.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Jesus, you took bread and wine, thanked the Father for these gifts, then enriched this simple meal with the presence of your body and blood. We thank you for this holy meal that offers, gives and seals to us your gifts of the forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation. Renew us through these gifts that we may be your thankful people.

**All:** **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** **And al - so with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with contentment and thanksgiving.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**THANKSGIVING**

**THANK THE LORD**

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow | 583**



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
2 The rule of day is o - ver And shin - ing  
3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, Oh, spread your  
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber  
jew - els cov - er The heav - en's bound - less  
wings a - bove me And shield me from a -  
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your



lies. But you, my heart, a - wak - en,  
blue. Thus I shall shine in heav - en,  
larm. Though Sa - tan would as - sail me,  
heads. Sweet slum - bers may he send you



With prayer and song be tak - en;  
Where crowns of gold are giv - en  
Your mer - cy will not fail me;  
And bid his hosts at - tend you



Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
To all who faith - ful prove and true.  
I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.  
And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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