

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Festival Service of Word and Sacrament
in celebration of
Thanksgiving 2021

November 24, 2021

THREAD: *Faith's thanksgiving flows from knowing just how great and gracious our God is.*

OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | 609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring:
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;
 To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.

We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'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 CONFESSON

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.

In the peace of God’s full 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God the Father | 239:1-2

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are: "1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each". The bottom staff continues with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are: "God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry, Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry, glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run! glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!"

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

2 Samuel 7:18-22 EHV

Those who know Yahweh join David in saying, “LORD, there is none like you.” Stand in awe of his greatness. You’ll be filled with thanksgiving.

¹⁸ Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said:

Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this point? ¹⁹ Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken about the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the man, LORD God?

²⁰ What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. ²¹ Because of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great thing in order to make your servant aware of it. ²² Therefore, you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.

M: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul | 238

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
4 He fills the poor with good; He
5 His won - drous works and ways He

all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
gives the suf - f'fers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his

bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9 EHV

One day of Thanksgiving isn't enough. Listen as Paul equips you to daily live, giving thanks to the Lord. It's a powerful antidote to worry and fear.

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

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹ The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 136:1

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

REJOICE IN THE LORD

All People that on Earth Do Dwell | 233:1-4

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
 aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth
 joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -

forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
 al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.

GOSPEL

Luke 7:36-50 EHV

Those who know just how undeserved Jesus' love is cannot help but thank and praise him.

M: The Gospel, Luke 7

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

³⁶ A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸ stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say it."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." ⁴⁴ Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

⁴⁹ Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

M: This is the Gospel.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THANKSGIVING HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God | 610

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

hands and voices, 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.

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.

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OFFERING HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We Give Thee but Thine Own | 485:1,2,6

1 We give thee but thine own, What e'er As stew -
2 May we thy boun - ties thus
the gift may be; All that we have is
ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou
thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

6 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 become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.

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.

A - men.

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

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 rejoice and proudly bear his name.



He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giving. 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 | 587

1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - o w 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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