

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2022

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*Thanksgiving*  
**S E R V I C E**

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Dear Lord Jesus, forgive our ingratitude.

Turn our hearts and minds to dwell  
on the fullness of life in your Holy Word. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Organist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*“We Gather Together” – arr. by Frances L. Callahan*

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**INVOCATION** *(stand)*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true  
heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,  
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### INVITATORY

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

#### OPENING HYMN *"We Gather Together" (Baker/Kremser)*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

#### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING *(stand)*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus † Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And with your spirit.**

#### KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us Pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and

hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

C **that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

C **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

C **The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.**

P God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**NEW TESTAMENT** *Philippians 4:6-20*

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication 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.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable

and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11–19 (stand)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*      *LSB 893*

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices  
Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons  
In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest  
A joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,  
The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness,  
The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness,  
All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing,  
With plenty and with peace.
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar  
The gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest,  
The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him  
When at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him  
Who gave His life for all.

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## HOMILY

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**"Being Thankful"**  
**Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

**OFFERTORY** *“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”* LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(stand)*

*After each petition:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

P ... one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

**THE OUR FATHER**

P Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to  
pray:  
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. Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Prepare the way of the Lord.  
C **Make His paths straight.**

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His  
face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The  
Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you  
peace.  
C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* LSB 895

1 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 mothers’ arms

Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

- 2 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!

*(stand)*

- 3 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.

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## POSTLUDE

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*Organist*



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 27

December 4, 11, 18

9:00 am = English Worship

10:30 am = Bible Study

12 noon = Hmong Worship

## WEDNESDAYS

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 21

5:30 pm = Soup Supper

6:30 pm = Worship

## LIVING NATIVITY

Monday, December 19

Tuesday, December 20

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, December 24

6:30 pm

