

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wednesday, November 27, 2024
6:30 p.m.

***Psalm 103:1-2 – Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.***

PRESERVICE CHORAL MUSIC “Praise to the Giver”

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

LSB #892

INVOCATION

P: We begin our worship in the name of God the Father,

C: Who created everything that is beautiful and powerful.

P: And in the name of the Son,

C: Who suffered, died, and rose again for our forgiveness and eternal salvation.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: Who moves in our hearts to praise and trust in God above all things.

CONFESSION ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P: Let us confess our sins:

C: Dear heavenly Father, I often-times take for granted all the blessings that You have placed in my life. At times, I think that I have so little. I fail to recall all the ways that You have delivered me in the past. I forget just how many sins You have forgiven. I petition You far more than I praise You. I do not thank You enough for the power of the past, but doubt and grumble about the problems of the present. Forgive me, God, in the name of Jesus Christ, my loving Savior and Friend, blot out all my transgressions. Then place in my heart a spirit that truly remembers Your many blessings, and sings Your praises. Amen!

P: “The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:8-12) “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven.” (Matthew 9:2) Now, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see

your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:15)

C: By grace I am forgiven. By grace I am saved! By grace I am set free. Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

RESPONSIVE HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 67 ESV

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;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength



P: "I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

C: **"Praise be to You, O LORD; teach me Your decrees."** (Ps 119:11-12)

CHORAL ANTHEM *"For the Fruits of All Creation"*

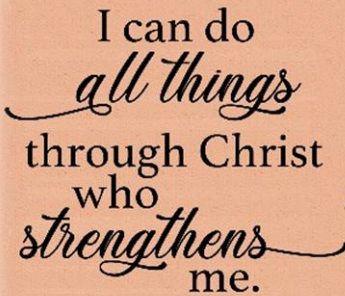
New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:6-20

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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... I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.



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Philippians 4:13, NKJV

P: "Let me understand the teaching of Your precepts, then I will meditate on Your wonders.

C: **"My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word."** (Psalm 119:27-28)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and

Give Thanks
with a
grateful heart.



lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? No one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: “Direct my footsteps according to Your word;

C: “let no sin rule over me.” (Psalm 119: 133)

SERMON HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

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SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Creed – The First Article*

P: What is the first Article of the Apostle’s Creed?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all

I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.



We Bring Our First Fruit Offerings of Thanksgiving To God

THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ †, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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give
Thanks
to the LORD
for He is good