

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 22, 2018

THANKSGIVING DAY

PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH

Good and gracious God and Lord, You have richly given me blessing upon blessing, gifts for this body and life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, You have given me the greater gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Receive my thanks for all of these gifts. By Your Holy Spirit's power grant that I live my life remembering Your steadfast love shown to me, and may it further be lived in joyful thanksgiving in any and every circumstance, seeking to do Your will and giving You my worship and praise. I pray that You keep me steadfast in my faith, trusting in Your promises made certain in Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to this Service on this National Day of Thanksgiving. Being thankful suggests that there must be someone deserving of our thanks. While we may be thankful of one another for an act of generosity, it is the Lord of heaven and earth, Almighty God, who ultimately deserves our utmost thanks for all that we have for this life and the life which is to come, according to His promise. As citizens of this nation we have much for which to be thankful. As citizens of the kingdom of God we indeed should be eternally thankful for the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. So as Christian pilgrims in this place let us always remember the words of King David in Psalm 100: "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:4-5)

A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for those who have need. Restrooms are also located downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have questions ask our greeters or ushers for assistance.

AS WE GATHER

Thanksgiving for many means overeating, but that food isn't always good for us. Moreover, the adage is still true: "You are what you eat." Our preoccupation with what is in front of our eyes clouds the food we truly need—food for our souls, our Lord Himself. He comes to us whenever and wherever the Word is proclaimed; indeed, He is the Word in the flesh. When we find nourishment from Him, every part of our life is strengthened. Only with His Spirit within us are we able to think on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise, as St. Paul exhorts in the Epistle reading for this morning. Being fed by the Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, is cause for thanksgiving every time we receive Him as the Word is preached and as we receive His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins.

THE ORDER OF MATINS

for

THANKSGIVING DAY

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ Johann Gottfried Walther
Now Thank We All Our God ~ Brad Hall

Ringing of the Church Bell

Please rise and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

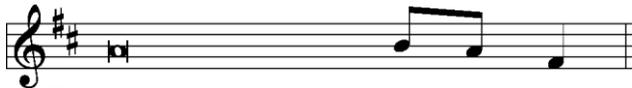
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Opening Versicles

Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us

C and make his face to shine upon us,

P that your way may be known on earth,

C 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;

C God, our God, shall bless us.

P God shall bless us;

C let all the ends of the earth fear him!

C 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

Sit

Office Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

Service Note: Please rise for the singing of the final stanza.



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voi - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Sit

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

“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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot

did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. 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.

Adult Choir

Make a Joyful Noise ~ John A. Behnke

Epistle

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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for 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.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 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. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB 791

Service Note: Please rise for the singing of the final stanza.



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 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 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,

Canticle

Te Deum: We Praise You, O God

LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, 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.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing 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,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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Sit

Offering

We Praise You, O God

Stand

Prayer

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom 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.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

- 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.



Prayer of the Church

Service Note: *During the Prayer of the Church hymn stanzas from the hymn “Lord, to You Immortal Praise” will be sung. The first stanza will be introduced in its entirety. The remaining stanzas will be sung immediately after the congregational response “Hear our Prayer.”*

*Lord, to You immortal praise
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of ev’ry joy,
Let Your praise our tongues employ.
All to You, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.*

- P** In gratitude, O Lord, we come before Your throne of grace with our prayers and petitions offering You our thanksgiving and praise for pouring out upon us the riches of Your creation and the richness of Your grace. We acknowledge that You are the source of all of our blessings and we further realize that You bless us in ways we fail to perceive as blessing. Increase our faith and trust in You so that we recognize You as our great Provider for this life and the life to come. Bounteous Lord,

C **Hear our prayer.**

*All the plenty summer pours;
Autumn’s rich, abundant stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.*

- P** God of all creation, we marvel at the majesty of all You have made. You order our times and seasons and You entrust us with the stewardship of the land and the resources that You lavish upon us. We are beneficiaries of Your abundant provision. Yet Lord there

are many who live in great poverty as their needs go unfulfilled. You call upon us who have plenty to reach out in love to those who have little or nothing. Make us, we pray, rich in generosity even as You have been generous towards us. Giving Lord,

C Hear our prayer.

*Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with it glad-d'ning streams,
True religion's holier beams:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.*

P We pray for peace and divine protection, O Lord. As You have prospered our cities and farms with abundance we pray for peace and calm in our world, in our nation, in our cities and in our neighborhoods so that we might enjoy Your rich blessings given to us and our neighbor. You worked peace for us with You through Your Son Jesus. Though that is the peace this world cannot give we do pray for peace and tranquility in our land even as we pray for peace between the nations. We pray Your protection not only on our nation but upon those who guard and defend our freedoms. We pray for our President and our national representatives, for our Governor and local leaders, for policemen and firemen, for our women and men in the armed forces, especially those who are in harm's way. Grant them wisdom in their work and safety in the line of duty, even as You remind them of Your presence. Gracious Lord,

C Hear our prayer.

*As Your pros-p'ring hand has blest,
May we give You of the best
And by deeds of kindly love
For Your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days:
"Lord, to You immortal praise."*

P Lord Your spiritual gifts have brought us to faith and they nourish us in that faith unto life everlasting. As we rest in Your saving grace we rejoice with those rejoicing (*Petitions offered for those who are rejoicing.*) Grant Your continued blessing upon them. We further pray Your blessing upon all who are in need of physical healing as well as those with other needs. (*Petitions offered for those who have special needs.*) Surround them and those we name in our hearts with Your presence and answer our prayers on their behalf according to Your good and gracious will. We also pray for ourselves that we would be truly thankful people not only at the time of harvest but in all times and seasons. Precious Lord,

C Hear our prayer.

P On this day of national thanksgiving, we pray that our nation might continue to be one that allows Your Gospel to be preached for the joy and edification of Your holy people and for the benefit of those who have no hope because they do not know Your love found in Jesus Christ. We would further pray that many would take this day to reflect on Your gracious provision for this time and for eternity, even as we enjoy the freedoms that You lavish upon us as citizens of this city, state, and nation. God bless our native land.

Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God ~ David M. Cherwien



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1 Re - joi - ce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joi - ce, give
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
 5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and
 firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways through.
 dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

6 At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore:
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One God forevermore. Refrain

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Pat Funk in memory and honor of her parents Helen and Bill Jones who were married seventy-three years ago on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, and in thanksgiving for the Lord's bountiful blessings.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:	Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:	Charles Russell
Crucifer:	Owen McCrory
Acolyte:	Sydney Manchester
Choir:	Adult Choir
Greeter:	Pat Funk
Ushers:	Robert Bemberg, Sr.
	Tim Loyd, Ed Mahnken
Nursery Attendant:	Mary Ann Dyer