

WELCOME to the ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAMILY

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25, 2021

7:00 pm



A Content Thanksgiving!

AS WE GATHER

It is difficult to give thanks when you are not content. To be content is to be satisfied with what you have. Sadly, even in this season of thanksgiving, we might be more familiar with the opposite of contentment—greed or covetousness. Perhaps the apostle Paul's words from today's Epistle can help. Even while under arrest in Rome for the sake of the Gospel, Paul still writes, "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." Paul's "secret" when it comes to contentment is that in Christ, and in His strength, Paul has all he needs. Jesus' death, resurrection, and presence in our lives gives us reason to be content and to give thanks today and every day!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous 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.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 67:5–7*

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: **let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: God, our God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us;

People: let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Deuteronomy 8:6*

Pastor: So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God

People: by walking in His ways and by fearing Him.

Pastor: We recognize today that we have broken the Lord's commandments. Rather than be thankful, we have been greedy and unsatisfied with the many blessings we have received from our heavenly Father. As people who are by nature sinful and unclean, we have coveted our neighbor's house, wife, and other possessions. We confess today our lack of contentment and all sin.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

(A time for remembrance and silent confession to God of our sin and selfishness.)

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of mercy,

People: Your Son cared for the needs of those plagued by leprosy, giving them physical healing. We thank You for providing for our needs of both body and spirit so that we might live lives of contentment as Your forgiven people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks unto the Holy One

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
(Repeat)**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

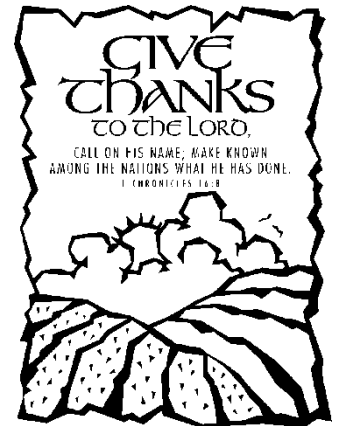
Let the poor say, "I am rich

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"



(Please Be Seated)

EPISTLE Philippians 4:6-9, 18-20

(Joy and Thanksgiving...in plenty or in little!)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter.

Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable.

Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing, and the peace of God will be with you.

At the moment I have all I need! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable to God and pleases him. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Now glory be to our God and Father forever and ever! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

(Jesus heals the ten lepers; one remembers to return and give Him thanks.)

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

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

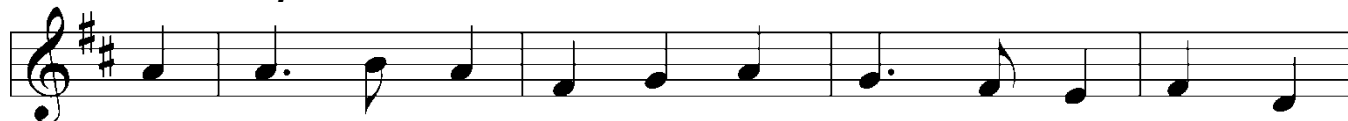
One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

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

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

785 We Praise You, O God



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!

MESSAGE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front and back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Sung responsively to the tune of: *THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION*)

GOD'S MEAL GIVEN TO HIS PEOPLE



Pastor: May God the Lord be with you.

People: **God also be with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts rejoicing!

People: **We lift them up anew!**

Pastor: Give unto God all glory, all honor and all praise.

People: **To God is due thanksgiving and worship all our days.**

People: **The night He was abandoned, the night He was betrayed,
Our Lord took bread and blessed it, then broke it, gave it, said:**

Pastor: Take, eat, this is my body, given in death for you.
Remember, as you taste it, my grace and mercy true.

People: **Again, the supper ended, before we all had fled,
He lifted in thanksgiving the cup, then passed it, said:**

Pastor: Drink, in my blood shed for you, forgiveness of your sin,
It's poured out so, rememb'ring, your love I then might win.

People: **Amen! Then come, Lord Jesus; be present at your feast.
Amen! O Holy Spirit, unite us in your peace.
Amen! Almighty Father, give strength to do your will.
O Trinity most holy, feed us and love us still.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

894 For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

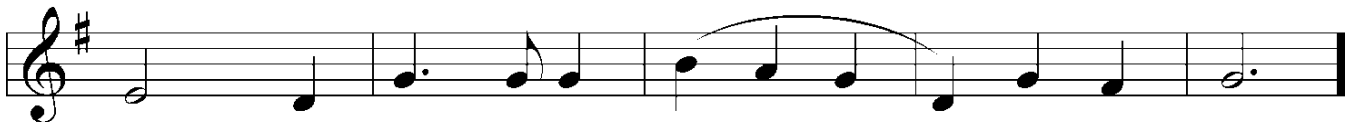
817 Earth and All Stars



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the
 5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

7 Children of God,
 Dying and rising,
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Heaven and earth,
 Hosts everlasting,
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Thank You, O Lord, our God! When we are empty You fill us; when we are hungry you feed us. We have seen Your goodness and mercy. Now let us go into the world and bless Your name! Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: The blessing of our gracious God be upon you,
His love to preserve you;
His ✕ life to redeem you;
His Spirit to sanctify you.

People: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

POSTLUDE

ASKING A BLESSING AND RETURNING THANKS

The following prayers are contained in Luther's Small Catechism as ways to ask for a pre-meal blessing and return thanks following the meal. Consider incorporating these as part of your Thanksgiving celebration.

Asking a Blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who

put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Where We Serve

Preacher/Officiant

Rev. Christopher Fairbairn

Elder

Tom Norton

Music Director

Paul Ventimiglia

Ushers

Craig Miller

Chuck Willis

Greeters

Martens Family



Come ye thankful
People come...

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2021

(H/C = Holy Communion)

11/24/2021 - Thanksgiving Eve Dinner-Blessing Bag Workshop
 11/24/2021 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)
 11/25/2021 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Thursday

11/28/2021 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/01/2021 – Advent noon Service - Wednesday
 12/01/2021 - Advent Dinner – 5:30pm – 6:45pm - Wednesday
 12/01/2021 - Advent Service – 7pm – Wednesday

12/05/2021 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am (Sunday School Advent Program) Sunday (H/C)

12/08/2021 – Advent Noon Service – Wednesday
 12/08/2021 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm - Wednesday
 12/08/2021 - *Advent Service with the Day School -7pm –Wednesday *Gym

12/12/2021 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am – Sunday

12/15/2021 – Advent Noon Service – Wednesday
 12/15/2021 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm - Wednesday
 12/15/2021 - Advent Service with the Sunday School -7pm –Wednesday

12/19/2021 - 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/24/2021 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Friday

12/24/2021 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Friday (H/C)

12/25/2021 - Christmas Day Service – 10am — Saturday (H/C)

12/26/2021 - Worship – 10am ONLY – Sunday

12/31/2021 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Friday (H/C)

1/3/2022– **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Monday

