

WELCOME to the ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAMILY

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 28, 2024

7:00 pm



Give Thanks . . . Not Just For, But To . . .

AS WE GATHER

At the corner of Hayden Hill and Walkley Hill roads in Haddam, Connecticut, stands the colonial home of one of the early resident families of that little town on the Connecticut River: the Thankful Arnold House. Now the location for the town's Historical Society, it is the home where Thankful Clark Arnold and her husband, Joseph, raised their twelve children, beginning in 1798. The house stayed in the family for over 150 years until a family member gifted it to the local community. At one time, "Thankful" was a proper and common name for girls and women. It served as a testimony to the goodness of God throughout that individual's life. In his "Song of Thanks" recorded in First Chronicles, King David exclaimed "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; **make known His deeds among the peoples!**" (16:8). No matter what personal name we may carry throughout our lives, we can individually express our great thankfulness to God for all the blessings that we receive day by day and season after season.

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 Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heav-en,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



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 ever-more.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 54:6; 79:13; 136:1; 145:10*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,

People: and all Your saints shall bless You!

Pastor: I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

People: We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:9, adapt.*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: If we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sin-filled people. We are by nature sinful, and sin is present in our lives each day, in thought, word, and deed. We know that have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You require of us. We have not always lived lives that reflect thankfulness to You, the giver of all that is good. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord, who is the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully and with great gratitude here on earth until that time beyond time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.

Pastor: Our God has promised to hear us and to grant forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you be kept steadfast in the Holy Spirit, living each day in thankfulness to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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"

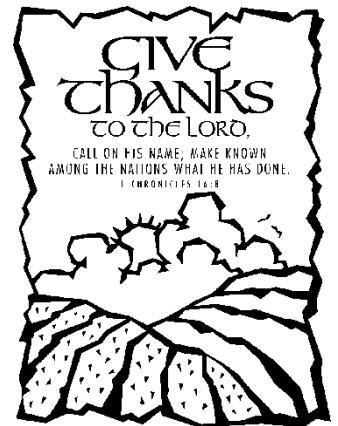
Let the poor say, "I am rich

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 box you will find at the 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 **George Foor**

Music Director **Paul Ventimiglia**

Ushers **Chuck Hempel**
Patrick Baker



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2024

(H/C = Holy Communion) POP = *Prince of Peace*

Decorate Church 11/24/24 after 11am Service



11/27/2024 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)

11/28/2024 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Thursday

12/01/2024 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday

12/04/2024 – Advent noon Service - POP – Wednesday – lunch follows service

12/04/2024 - Advent Dinner – 5:30pm – 6:45pm – Wednesday (Bd. Of Evangelism Dinner)

12/04/2024 - Advent Service – 7pm – Wednesday

12/08/2024 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am - Sunday

12/11/2024 – Advent Noon Service – POP - Wednesday -lunch follows service

12/11/2024 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday (Family of God Group)

12/11/2024 - Advent Service -7pm - Wednesday

12/15/2024 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday

12/18/2024 – Advent Noon Service- POP – Wednesday -lunch follows service

12/18/2024 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday (YOUTH)

12/18/2024 - Advent Service -7pm –Wednesday- with the Saint Paul Church & School

12/22/2024 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday

12/24/2024 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Tuesday

12/24/2024 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Tuesday (H/C)

12/25/2024 - Christmas Day Service – 10am — Wednesday (H/C)

12/26/2024 – **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**- Thursday

12/29/2024 - Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday

12/31/2024 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Tuesday (H/C)

1/1/2025– **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Wednesday

