

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
November 27, 2024
Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, O'Fallon, IL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!
C: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.**

P: Know that the Lord is God.
C: **It is He who made us, and we are His.**

P: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
C: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.**

P: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
C: **For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;**

P: His faithfulness continues through all generations. *(Psalm 100)*



OPENING HYMN NO. 785 *"We Praise You, O God"*

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You,
we kneel and adore You;
We bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us,
You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord,
our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us,
Your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: One blessing that we should be most grateful for this evening is God's forgiveness. So let us now confess our sins to Him, just as He has invited us to do, and seek His forgiveness. O Almighty God, You are the Lord of all,

C: But we have rebelled against You.

P: You have pointed us to good ways,

C: But we have continued to sin.

P: You have given us Your saving Gospel,

C: But we have been slow to share it.

P: You have offered Your help,

C: But we have depended on ourselves.

P: You have surrounded us with love,

C: But we have not loved You above all.

P: You have made us rich,

C: But we have often been selfish.

P: You have lavished us with gifts of life and health, field and stream,

C: But we have sometimes been thankless and thoughtless and wasteful.

P: You have blessed us with many talents,

C: But we have not always used them in Your service.

P: You have sent us many opportunities to serve,

C: But we have let them pass us by.

P: You want us to live in peace,

C: But we have often chosen conflict and tension.

P: You have favored us with Your Word and Sacrament,

C: But we have not cherished and used them as we ought.

ALL: O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all your mercies. Enter not into judgment with Your servants. Have mercy on us.

P: Listen to what the Lord says to His repentant people: "I, even I, am He that blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will remember your sins no more. I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are Mine. Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Be at peace with God and yourself then. He forgives you. Now follow Him as He leads you.

SHARING THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING PRAYER - spoken together

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are new to us every morning and who abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul; though we in no way deserve Your favor, give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your blessings, and serve You with willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7, 11b-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 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.

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.

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C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-18 (Please rise for the Gospel Reading and Confession of Faith.)

P The Holy Gospel according Luke the 17th Chapter.

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

The Gospel is Read

On the way to Jerusalem he 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, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: Luther's explanation to the 1st Article of the Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? 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 preserves them; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. (Please be seated.)

SERMON HYMN – 789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.**

**Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.**

SERMON "The Grace of Giving" Luke 17:11-19 Rev. Peter Kirby
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OFFERING - As the offerings are brought forward we sing:
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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.

HYMN NO 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

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

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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.

THE CLOSING

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN NO 895 "Now Thank We All Our God" (*Please rise.*)

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.

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!

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.

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

