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THANKSGIVING 2024

This is Most Certainly True!

We are Blessed to Live a Life of Thanksgiving

We are Saved to Live a Life of Thanksgiving

We are Gathered to Live a Life of Thanksgiving

OPENING HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymn 507

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine. The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

A LESSON FROM THE PSALMS (*responsive reading*)

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters. (from Psalm 24)

You created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (from Psalm 139)

I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD. (from Psalm 34)

LESSON

Matthew 6:19-34

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

DEVOTION

Explanation to the First Article (*Creation*)

I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

Hymn 506

For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev’ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

LESSON (*responsive reading*)

Psalm 103:1-13

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits-

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, 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.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

LESSON

1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

DEVOTION

Explanation to the Second Article (*Redemption*)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN

“Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

Hymn 754

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
for dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
for songs of praise for worldly wealthiness, while of your richer gifts we're unaware:

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace, for life and vision, for a purpose clear,
for Christ, your Son, and for each human face
that shows your message ever new and near.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,
for words that speak at variance with deeds;
forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways, unmindful of a broken brother's needs:

Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
that knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine," assured that only what's withheld is lost.

Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
for walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the kingdom goal:

Open our eyes to see your love's intent,
to know with mind and heart its depth and height;
let thankful days in loving labor spent reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

LESSON (*responsive reading*)

Psalm 51:10-15

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 11

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

DEVOTION

Explanation to the Third Article (*Sanctification*)

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead; And he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

If you prefer to give online, the code at the right will take you to our Online Giving page. We invite our online givers to join in our offering with an "I Give Online" card in the pew racks.



(Please fill out the friendship registers on the pews.)

After you bring your offering to the Lord, we'll join in singing Hymn 609.

*"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"
Hymn 609*

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 battles 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!

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

C: **God's love is everlasting.**

P: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

C: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

P: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and
unseen splendors:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and
hardships shared from birth until our dying:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of
good humor and encouragement:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For marriage; for mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and
burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family
pleasures:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for brave play and startling frankness; for
their sudden sympathies:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

C: **We praise you, O God.**

P: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

C: **We praise you, O God.**

P: Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

C: **We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

C: **God's love is everlasting.**

PRAYERS AND 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.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn 597

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 blessed 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.

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Sunday, December 1, after Family Bible Hour

Advent Wednesdays

December 4, 11, & 18

3:30 and 6:30 pm

Advent Dinners at 4:30 pm

Women's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8 – 2 pm

Piano Recital

Tuesday, December 10 – 6:30 pm

Christmas HouseWalk

Saturday, December 14 – 4 pm

Children's Christmas Service

Sunday, December 15 – 3 pm

All German Christmas Song Service and Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 22 – 4:30 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church

100 W. Michigan Ave, Palatine, IL

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5 pm

Christmas Day Festival Service - 9 am

New Year's Eve Service/Lord's Supper - 5 pm

Join us for our annual Game Night after the service!