

# SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"In Nomine Iesu"

# God is good...all the time! All the time...God is Good!

# A Service of Thanksgiving

November 24, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Today as we gather in the name of our Lord, it is with joyful hearts. We are a blessed people! Blessed beyond measure by the grace of God! Too often we complain about what we don't have, or what we wish we did have, rather than thank God for what He has given us. Our national day for Thanksgiving is a unique holiday in the world. America is a nation that has a rich heritage of thankfulness to our God who has blessed us abundantly. May God strengthen our attitude of thankfulness and praise.

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way. May He go beside you to accompany you. May He go behind you to reassure you. May He go above you to protect you. May He go within you to grant you peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prelude Call to Worship ~ The Bells Welcome and Announcements

# Order of Service

# **Opening Hymn**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

LSB #892

## **Invocation** (please stand)

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
  - Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!
- C Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs and give Him thanks.

## **Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness**

- P Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;
- C we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
- P Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
- C give thanks to Him and praise His name.
- P For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
- C His faithfulness continues through all generations.
- P Heavenly Father,
- C We confess that while You are faithful, we are not. We repent of our many sins and of our thankless living. Although You have made us Your flock, we like sheep have often strayed from You. We take for granted Your loving care and fail to give You thanks and praise for all that You have done and continue to do for us. Strengthen us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness.
- P God is indeed faithful and forgives us because of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. As your brother in Christ, I assure you that your sins are forgiven through the shed blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen. Thanks be to God!

#### 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!
- All 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.

#### Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

## 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.

C Amen.

(be seated)

## **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

<sup>1</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> 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, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 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. 10 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.

## **Epistle Reading**

Philippians 4:10-20

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel (please stand)

Luke 17:11-19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

# **Apostles' Creed**

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)

**Sermon Hymn** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" LSB #893

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

Hymn of Response "We Praise You, O God" LSB #785

## Thanksgiving Day Prayer

P Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of life; but above all, for Your incomparable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts, we may make known Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages.

C Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

All 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.

## **Benediction** (please stand)

- P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!
- C And His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" LSB #895

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

"Soli Deo Gloria"