

A LIFE OF THANKSGIVING



IN THE NAME OF JESUS

THE THEME OF OUR WORSHIP:

Live Like You'll Live Forever: a life of thanksgiving. One of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the New World occurred in 1621, when the Plymouth colonists from England shared an autumn harvest feast with the Native American Wampanoag people. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. In 1942, President Roosevelt solidified it as the last Thursday of every November. Though not a festival of the church calendar, Christians for generations have found it appropriate to gather for worship this week to give thanks to the LORD: our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.



WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At St. Paul's, you will find a worship service designed to praise God and increase people's faith. While all styles of worship take some getting used to, we hope you will find that the main message – the unconditional love Jesus has for us – comes through clearly.

PARTICIPATE. Many parts of our worship service are interactive. Feel free to sing along with the hymns and songs. There are also times in the service when Pastor and congregation speak back and forth. Please join together as you feel comfortable.

PARAMENTS. In Lutheran churches you often see paraments. These are the colored cloths with symbols on them hanging from the altar and pulpit. They change with the church seasons and celebrations as a visual reminder of what we are celebrating in our worship. For Thanksgiving the color is white reminding you that your perfectly righteous Father in heaven is the giver of every good and perfect gift. When you come to worship on Sunday a new Church will begin with the First Sunday in Advent.

PERSONAL CONVENIENCES. For your convenience, restrooms are located in the southwest corner of the narthex across from the entrance into the sanctuary...feel free to ask for directions. Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate mode so as not to disrupt others during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

To help you focus while you join us for worship, take the time to eliminate as many distractions around you as possible. We may be separated by in-person or livestream worship, but we can connect with each other here for Christian support and encouragement.

Hymn Appreciation: This hymn's author, Martin Rinkart, had a difficult life and ministry during the Thirty Years' War, one of the longest and most brutal wars in history. He ministered in Eilenburg, Germany, which was a city for political and military refugees. He often struggled to scrape together enough food for his family, yet he still helped others. During the height of the plague, he buried 4,500 people in one year and up to 70 per day, including many coworkers and his own wife. This hymn, written in 1630, was sung as a family table prayer, amid tragedies of war, and at many times of national rejoicing in Germany, most notably at the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, in celebration of the end of the Thirty Years' War. We too can give thanks to God with ever joyful hearts because of his gifts of grace in Christ Jesus.



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous 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 blessed 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.

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Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

RESPONSES FROM PSALM 100

Enter the LORD's courts with thanksgiving for his eternally enduring love and faithfulness.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

CONFESSION

Our Lord invites us to confess our sin, confident of his salvation:
Merciful Lord, we confess that we were born unclean and unworthy to be found in your presence. We have complained about our lot in life and tried to cover up the ugliness of our sin. We have occupied ourselves with the things of this world and ignored you who have provided it all. We deserve to be cut off from you forever. Jesus, Master, have pity on us!

Jesus has heard your cry and come to your rescue. He is our Great High Priest, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God. He entered God's presence once for all and obtained eternal redemption by his own blood shed at the cross. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

Let All Things Now Living | 507



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phant-ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient-ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

In a land of plenty, do not forget to thank the LORD your God who rescued you, leads you, and provides for you.

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Because of Jesus
Soloist: Christina Sprenger

You made a covenant with me signed by the blood that still speaks. Now I'm forgiven, I'm called righteous, I'm made clean. There on the cross at Calvary, you gave it all to purchase me. You are the Savior and the God who set me free.

Refrain: Now my heart cries, "This is my Redeemer!" With my whole life I will give you praise. All the glory to the One who's worthy. Because of Jesus, I have been changed.

You made a way for me to enter into your holy place forever. And now I'm hidden, I am covered, I found peace. Into your likeness you transform me, making me holy like you're holy. No longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. *Refrain*

You bring freedom to the captives, good news to the poor, healing to the broken, and joy to those who mourn. You turn ashes into beauty, the ruins you restore. I am a testimony of the goodness of the Lord. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:10-20

Paul thanked the Lord for the Philippians' gifts, an offering to God, who meets all our needs in Christ.

¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Praise the Lord of Love

Please join to sing the Doxology as directed.

With a song of praise, we come into your house to worship. With a song of thanks, and words of gratitude; with a melody we offer our hearts in one accord to the Father, to the Spirit, we sing praise, we sing praise to the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord who reigns above. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We praise the Lord of love!

Praise his mighty pow'r, his everlasting goodness with the sound of strings and horns, with instruments and dance. Let the voices of his people resound in one accord, and ev'ry tribe and nation lift their praise, lift their praise to the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord who reigns above. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We praise the Lord of love!

**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.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord who reigns above. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We praise the Lord of love! Amen!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The Samaritan returned to give thanks to the Lord who had healed him of leprosy.

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

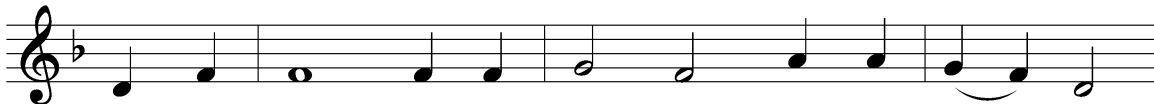
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending | 749



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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SERMON

Philippians 4

*Get Stuffed for Thanksgiving!
Strength to serve – Supply to share*

Stand

THE FIRST ARTICLE (CREATION)

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, 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, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, 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.

Be seated

SONG OF THANKS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Duet: Brylee Schunemann and Luther Curia
Sung as the offering is collected*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

CONNECT

We would kindly ask everyone to fill out a *Connect Card* now. If you are worshipping with us virtually, we kindly ask that you also fill out a digital *Connect Card*. What will be the “next steps” you can take as a response to the message you have heard today? You can also let us know how we can pray for you or ask for more information on one of the ministries or programs we are offering. Thank you!



OFFERING

If you're visiting today...we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of the service. In fact...we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! This offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering...please feel free to do so.

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- ◆ via text message: text "GIVE" to 877.492.5452 and follow the text instructions.



SPECIAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad. Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE

For the Fruits of His Creation | 506



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.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
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
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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