

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota

Thanksgiving

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IN ANY & ALL
circumstances
I HAVE LEARNED
THE SECRET OF
being content

PHILIPPIANS 4:12

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Thanksgiving Worship 2022
Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 am

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

CW597

Please stand

Invocation

P: We give thanks to God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: We use Luther's explanation to confess what it means when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread."

C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: What, then, is meant by daily bread?

C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

P: Let us confess our ingratitude for these blessings and all our sins to God...

C: Lord God, we confess to you that we are sinful. We have not been thankful for all the blessings you've given us. We too quickly forget that all these good things come from you. We've shown our ingratitude by the way we live. But worse still, we confess that we've taken the greater spiritual blessings you've given us for granted. We've taken your gift of our Savior Jesus Christ for granted. We have not lived as we ought. For this ingratitude and for all our sins, we admit that we deserve your just punishment forever in hell. But we are grieved by our sins and trusting in our Savior for forgiveness, we pray: Do not treat us as our sins deserve. Have mercy on us, O God.

Silence for reflection and personal confession

P: God has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to pay for our sins of our ungrateful hearts. Therefore, I declare to you that every one of your sins is forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Be seated

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 100B



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the LORD is God in - deed; with - out our
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The LORD our God is good; his mer - cy



LORD with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -



forth - tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice!
us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
ly stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

Please stand

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

CW464

Sermon

Philippians 4:10-20

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 Secret of Being Content

Please stand

Confession of Faith

P: Let us join in confessing our faith in God as our Creator and Preserver with the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed - "I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth."

C: 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

Hymn of Praise

Come, You Thankful People, Come

CW491

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God, you have shown us great mercy and kindness by showering on us blessings we certainly have not earned or deserved.

C: We praise your name, for food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

P: Teach us to receive with thanksgiving all you have given us, and to use these blessings to the glory of your name, dear Lord.

C: I believe, gracious God, that you created me and all that exists, and gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities.

P: Out of gratitude for all you have bestowed on us, cause us to use our gifts and talents for the good of your kingdom so that it may come to others also, and so that your name may be hallowed among us.

C: God, you also preserve me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

P: Be with us, dear Lord, so that we may enjoy peace in our land, and the right to worship and spread the gospel without hindrance from the devil and those who oppose your truth.

C: But your greatest gift is your Son, whom you sent to live and die in our stead. We praise you for the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life everlasting in Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: All this you have given us, dear Lord, only because you are our good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because we have earned or deserved them.

C: For all this we ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey you. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven.

P: Let us praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

P: Now hear us as we pray the prayer you taught...

C: 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.

The 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.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

CW 609

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