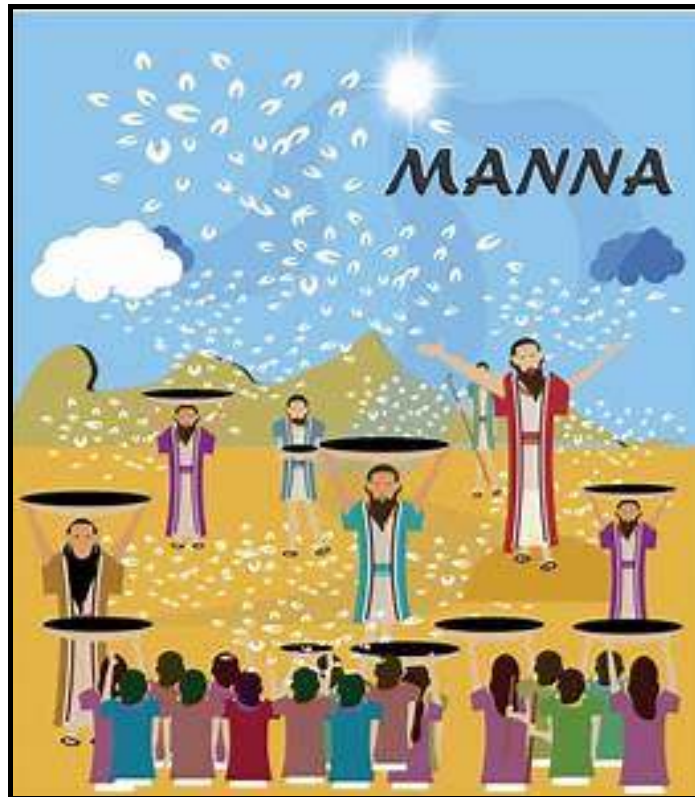


THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 22, 2018, 9:30 AM

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAKEWOOD, CO**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Christian Worship #612:1-3

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,
Let Your praise our tongues employ,
All to You, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours;
Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores;

Flocks that whiten all the plain;
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain —
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss, and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,
True religion's holier beams —
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

P Shout with joy to God, O people! Sing the glory of His name:

C Let the sound of His praise be heard.

P Come and see what God has done:

C How awesome His works in behalf of men!

P He has preserved our lives:

C And kept our feet from slipping.

P Let all the nations gather together:

C Let the peoples assemble.

P Gather to Me My faithful ones, says the LORD:

C Those who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

P I will surely gather all of you, says the LORD:

C I will set you together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture.

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good:

C Blessed are those who take refuge in Him.

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 51:3-5

The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm."

Psalmody – Psalm 73:23-28

Hymn tune: "Rock of Ages"



Blest Redeemer, strong and dear,
Let me know You ever near!

P I am always close to You; You hold me by my right hand.

C You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory.



Whom have I in heav'n but You?
Naught I want on earth but You.

P My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is my heart's strength and my portion forever:

C **Those who are far from You will perish; this is why I have made You my refuge.**



Let me know You ever near,
Great Redeemer, strong and dear!

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Celebration



Today Your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
However long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything."When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf

and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.



Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us how often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

Meditation for Thanksgiving Day

Text: Exodus 16:31-34

WHAT'S IN YOUR "JAR OF MANNA?"

The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.'" So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come." As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna in front of the Testimony, that it might be kept.

A Creedal Hymn

Hymn tune: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Children of God, come, our Father almighty confessing,
Maker of heaven and earth, endless glory possessing.
Who, by His might, shattered the darkness with light,
Filling all things with His blessing.

Proclaim our faith in God's Son, our Redeemer, Christ Jesus,
Son of the virgin. His death from all trespasses frees us.
Raised from the grave, He lives, His people to save,
From our own graves to release us.

Christ reigns on high! On His people the Spirit, descending,
Binds with forgiveness the saints in one holy befriending,
By whom is heard God's sure, unbreakable Word,
Promise of life without ending.

Thanksgiving Day Offering

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

from Ephesians 1

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ:

C **Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.**

- P Having predestined us to adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace that He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- C In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.**
- P In Him also we have obtained an inheritance.
- C Thanks be to God!** [NKJV, alt.]

Closing Hymn

Hymn tune: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

You we adore, eternal Lord!
 We praise Your name with one accord;
 Your saints, who here Your goodness view,
 Through all the world give thanks to You.

To You aloud all angels cry,
 The heaven's and all the pow'rs on high;
 You—holy, holy, holy King,
 Lord God of hosts—they ever sing!

From day to day, O Lord, we too
 Highly exalt and honor You;
 Your name we worship and adore,
 World without end, forevermore!
 Amen.

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