

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 27, 2019, 7:00 PM**

*What shall I return  
to the  
LORD*



*for all his bounty to me?*

*Psalms 116:12*

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

**Visitors, Welcome!** We are pleased to have you in our midst this evening and invite you to come and worship again. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 147 (pew bible, p.558)

**Hymn 893**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

**Trinitarian Invocation**

**Opening Liturgy**

**P** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights:

**C** **Who does not change like shifting shadows.**

**P** He chose to give us birth through the word of truth:

**C** **That we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.**

**P** All praise and thanks be to You, O God, our faithful Creator and Provider. According to Your word and promise, You take delight in blessing us. With Your good gifts of sun and rain the earth brings forth its bounty. With the gifts of health and strength that You provide, we are able to perform the work You have given us to do. Make us truly grateful for the many evidences of Your fatherly love and mercy, and give us grace to show our gratitude; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C (says) Amen.**

**Responsive Reading**

from Psalm 65

**P** Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion:

**C** **To You our vows will be fulfilled.**

**P** O You who hear prayer:

**C** **To You all men will come.**

**P** When we were overwhelmed by sins:

**C** **You forgave our transgressions.**

**P** Blessed are those You choose:

**C** **And bring near to live in Your courts!**

**P** We are filled with the good things of Your house:

**C** **Of Your holy temple.**

**P** You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior:

**C** **The hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

**P** Who formed the mountains by Your power:

**C** **Having armed Yourself with strength.**

- P Who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves:  
 C **And the turmoil of the nations.**  
 P You care for the land and water it:  
 C **You enrich it abundantly.**  
 P The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain:  
 C **For so You have ordained it.**  
 P You crown the year with your bounty:  
 C **And your carts overflow with abundance.**  
 P Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion:  
 C **To You our vows will be fulfilled.**

### First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

### Second Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

- P Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.  
 C **Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.**  
 P And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”  
 C **So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”**  
 P And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.  
 C **And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,**  
 P **And fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.**  
 C **So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"**  
 P **“Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”**  
 C **And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."**

## Confession of Faith

## Luther's Explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## Hymn 895

*Now Thank We All Our God*

## The Sermon

Based on Psalm 103:1-2

*Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.*

### **THANKSGIVING STARTS WITH REMEMBERING**

1. The Lord remembering us in His mercy.
2. Our remembering Him and His manifold gifts of love.

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Responsive Prayer

- P We give You thank, dear Lord above, For all Your living, giving love.  
C For life itself, that gift most dear — For wondrous scents and things to hear.  
P For things to taste and feel and see,  
For things to love and do and be,  
C For mountains, towering high, to climb,  
For valleys, cool, and hills sublime,  
P For oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams,  
For sun's bright rays, and soft moonbeams,  
C For all the gifts that we enjoy  
Our thanks we raise and praise employ!
- P We give You thanks, dear Jesus, true, For all the things You came to do.  
C For taking on our mortal frame When to our world, a child, You came,  
P For living, teaching, helping, caring,  
Healing, preaching, loving, sharing.  
C For suffering our fate, and then

**For rising back to life again,  
P Ascending high to cloudy skies,  
Preparing homes in Paradise.  
C For all the gifts brought by Your living  
We offer now our high thanksgiving!**

**P We thank You, Spirit, breath and fire, For all the gifts that You inspire,  
C For faith that makes our futures bright And fills our lives with hope and light,  
P For love, that seems to have no end  
When shared with family or a friend,  
C For joy that lifts our happy hearts  
With music, hobbies, sports, and arts,  
P For fellowship at feast and meal,  
For hugs and laughs and smiles that heal,  
C For all the gifts inspired and true  
We offer now our thanks to You.**

**All Dear Father, Holy Spirit, Son, we join our thanks and praise as one. Now may our words  
of thankful giving break forth in lives of thankful living. Amen.**

**Hymn 790 (1-4)**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**The Benediction**

From 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

**P Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us  
and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts  
and establish you in every good word and work.  
C (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 790 (5)**

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