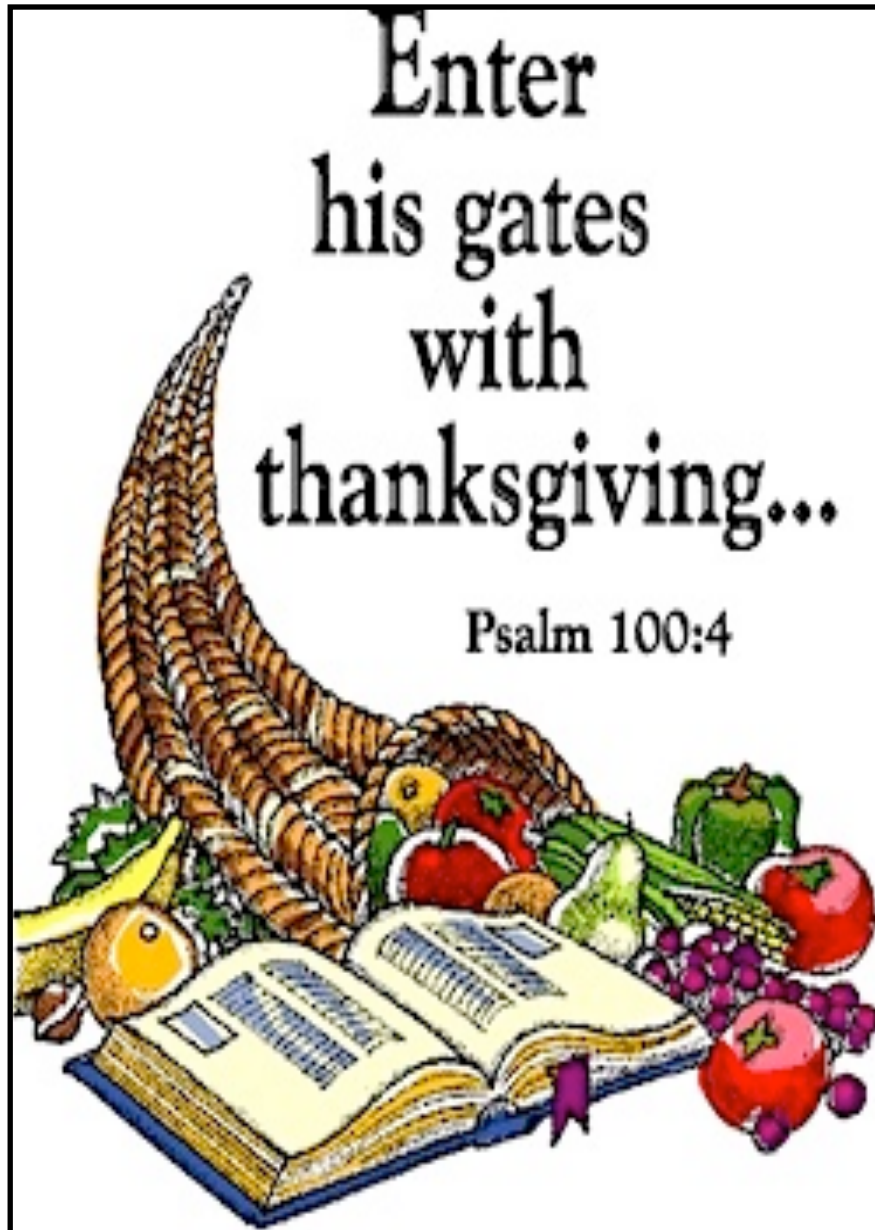


**Thanksgiving Day Worship
November 24, 2022, 9:30 am**



**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**

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Order of Worship

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler; Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 100 (pew bible, p.532)

Opening Hymn 895

Now Thank We All Our God

The Invocation

Responsive Reading of Praise

P It is good to give thanks to the LORD:

C And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

Psalm 92:1

P Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

C Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 95:2

P Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving:

C Let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name:

C Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105:1

P The LORD is good to all:

C His tender mercies are over all His works.

Psalm 145:9

P We give thanks always for all things to God the Father:

C In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20

P Let us pray: 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 You cause the earth to bring forth its bounty. With Your good gifts of health and strength, You enable us to perform the work You have given us to do. Make us truly grateful for each evidence of Your goodness and give us grace to show our gratitude; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C (says) Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy Chapter 8

1 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. 4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did

your foot swell these forty years. 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. 6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil 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 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. 11 Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, 12 lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— 17 then you say in your heart, “My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.” 18 And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

Second Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 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

- P I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life:
C **Eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.**
P God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children:
C **Land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life.**
P He protects me from all danger.
C **He guards and defends me from every evil.**

P God does this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven:

C **Not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it.**

P For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

C **This is most certainly true!**

Hymn

Melody: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (LSB #443)

We thank You for Your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
We thank You for the harvest, Yes, Lord for ev'rything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.

This day of great thanksgiving We count them one by one:
Our free and fruitful country, The great things You have done,
Our family, our loved ones, The guardian angels' care,
Our very self and heartbeat – Lord, hear our thankful prayer!

But best of all Your blessings, The rainbow of Your love,
Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
Our life now has full meaning – Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.

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The Sermon

based on Psalm 107

"Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So ..."

Psalm 107

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,**

Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

8 **Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons—
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High,
12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
13 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces.

**15 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

16 For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.
17 Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.
20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

**21 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.
23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,
24 They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.
25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.
26 They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths;
Their soul melts because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.
29 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.
30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

**31 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

32 Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise Him in the company of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.
36 There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,
37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.
38 He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.
39 When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow,
40 He pours contempt on princes,
And causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;

41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And makes their families like a flock.
42 The righteous see it and rejoice, And all iniquity stops its mouth.

43 **Whoever is wise will observe these things,
And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.**

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Thanksgiving Litany

P Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the kindness and mercy You have showered upon us, Your beloved children in Christ:

C You continually feed, clothe, guard, and protect us, and in countless ways amply provide for our physical well-being.

P We thank You, kind and gracious God, for Your many blessings upon us and our families.

C We are confident that You watch over us whenever we leave our homes, and that unknowingly we are constantly under the protection of angels You have given charge over us to keep us in all our ways.

P Furthermore, You supply shelter over our heads, and provide us with employment, income, and health and strength to carry on.

C By the example of Your own love for us You have taught us and the members of our families to love and respect one another and to live together in peace and harmony.

P Through Your Word the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith unto everlasting life.

C We praise You for these priceless spiritual blessings.

P It is true that at times, Heavenly Father, You find it necessary to chasten us, but You also heal.

C At times You allow troubles to bring us low, but then You graciously raise us up again and make us stronger Christians through the experience.

P By hearing and answering our prayers You truly are our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble.

C We thank You and praise Your holy name!

P Your choicest benefits are those which have secured our eternal salvation.

C How gracious You are to forgive the many sins we daily commit, because You sent Your Son Jesus to make atonement for them!

P How richly blessed we are, for who can now condemn us?

C How blessed we are for the many opportunities to hear and learn Your holy Word through faithful preaching and teaching!

P We present these, our thank You prayers, before Your throne of grace in the name of Jesus our blessed Savior.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 892

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Prayer for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with Your mighty power and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C (says): Amen.

The Benediction

Closing Hymn 805

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

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*And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed, do it all
in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17



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