

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 22, 2023 – 7:00 pm



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado



Order of Worship

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mark Hartmeister

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 100 (pew bible, p.532)

Opening Hymn

Sung to melody of LSB 851 (Hyfrydol)

For God's peace and for salvation: Lord have mercy; hear our prayer.
For God's peace in all creation: Lord have mercy; hear our prayer.
For all here who join in worship With God's people ev'rywhere:
Help, save, comfort, and defend us: Lord have mercy; Hear our prayer.

P O Lord, open my lips:
C **And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**
P Hasten to save me, O God:
C **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us:
C **And make His face shine upon us,**
P That Your ways may be known on earth;
C **Your salvation among all nations.**
P May the peoples praise You, O God:
C **May all the peoples praise You.**
P May the nations be glad and sing for joy:
C **For You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**
P May the peoples praise You, O God:
C **May all the peoples praise You.**
P Then the land will yield its harvest:
C **And God, our God, will bless us.**
P God will bless us:
C **And all the ends of the earth will fear Him.**

P Let us pray: Lord God, You have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank You for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in Your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of Your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
C (says) **Amen.**

Hymn

Sung to melody of LSB 822 (Wie schön leuchtet)

Hallelujah! Let praises ring! To God the Father gladly sing,
The God of our creation.
Hallelujah! Let praise be done to Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
By whom is our salvation.
Hallelujah! By the Spirit we inherit life forever.
Praise the Lord, who fails us never!

First Lesson

Matthew 15:29-39

Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?" And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Hymn

LSB 785

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, We kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been;
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

The Sermon

Based on Psalm 116:17

*I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.*

"Thank God for His Blessing of ... Thanksgiving"

Hymn

LSB 895

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Thanksgiving Prayer

Based on Psalm 103

P We praise You, Lord, with our whole heart:

C With our inmost being, we praise Your holy name!

P With thanksgiving we remember all Your benefits:

C You forgive all our iniquities, You heal all our diseases:

P You redeem our life from the pit:

C You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.

P You satisfy us with good:

C So that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P Lord, You work righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed:

C You made known Your ways to Moses, Your acts to the people of Israel.

P You are merciful and gracious:

C Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

P You will not always chide, nor will You keep Your anger forever.

C You do not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your steadfast love to those who fear You.

C As far as the east is from the west, so far have You removed our transgressions from us.

P As a father shows compassion for his children:

C So You show compassion for us, Your children.

P You know our frame:

C You remember that we are dust.

P Our days are like grass. We flourish like a flower of the field:

C When the wind passes over it, it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

P But Your steadfast love for those who fear You is from everlasting to everlasting:

C And Your righteousness to their children's children.

P Help us to keep Your covenant:

C And to follow in the way of Your commandments.

P You have established Your throne in the heavens, and Your kingdom rules over all:

C Bless the Lord, all you His angels, you mighty ones who carry out His will.

P Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion:

C Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Benediction

Closing Hymn – Lord’s Prayer, Sung

Sung to melody of LSB 921
(Darwall’s 148th)

Our heav’nly Father, Hear Your faithful children’s prayer:
Your name divine and dear, be hallowed ev’rywhere!
Your kingdom come! Your heav’nly will
Among us still, on earth be done!

The bread for which we yearn each day, O Father, give.
Forgive us, as in turn our debtors we forgive.
Your people lead in trial’s hour.
From Satan’s pow’r let us be freed!

For You, O Lord, are King; all pow’r is Yours, we own;
Your glory now we sing, the glory Yours alone.
So shall it be: Your kingdom, might,
And glory bright eternally! Amen.



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