



*Let Us All
Give
Thanks*

*"Rise and go your way; your
faith has made you well."*

Luke 17:19



Zion Lutheran Church — Marengo, Illinois
Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 24, 2022, 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

Giving thanks should be natural; it should not require the designation of a national holiday. At least, that's what our heads say. Our hearts, unfortunately, fail to make the connection—all of our good gifts come from God the Father. Moses instructed Israel to be thankful as they entered the Promised Land; there they would have all they needed, unlike their painstaking years in the wilderness. At times, when we think that we are in need, hearts are anxious, minds are fixated. St. Paul instructs us in the Epistle to avoid anxiety. Prayer provides the opportunity to ask God for those things needful. Then by faith, we believe that God is connected to us, understands our wants, and provides our needs. From faith, thanksgiving exudes from our hearts and minds. Prayerfully we dare not get trapped into ingratitude and apathy like the nine lepers who failed to give thanks to the Healer—Jesus Christ.

In this Thanksgiving liturgy, we confess and explore the petitions of the Lord's Prayer and their explanations as they are drawn from the Small Catechism. In prayer, we approach the One who is worthy of our undivided gratitude.

PRELUDE: **“Now Thank We All Our God”** **J. S. Bach**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We give thanks to the Holy Trinity who alone creates, redeems, and sanctifies. Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the reading from Deuteronomy, as the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, Moses warned them that, after the rigors of the desert, the abundance they would experience might cause them to forget the commandments of the Lord, who had brought them to the land of milk and honey.

People: We confess that too often, in this time and in this good land, we expect blessings from our heavenly Father. For most of our lives we have had food on the table, clothes on our backs, and roofs over our heads. We stray in our complacency and forget His directives. We do not always strive to let His kingdom come to us or have His will be done among us. Forgive us our trespasses, heavenly Father.

Pastor: Even in prison Paul wrote to His brothers and sisters in Christ, encouraging them to be thankful in all circumstances.

People: We confess that we let illness, bad weather, and economic slumps magnify our anxiety. Instead of hallowing God's name in prayer we rely on our own contrived plans and resolute strength to strive for the lifestyle we desire. We allow ourselves to be led into temptation by society's fixation on materialism and success. Forgive us our trespasses, heavenly Father.

Pastor: When ten lepers were healed in today's Gospel, only one returned thanks to Jesus.

People: We confess that when we have been delivered from evil of any sort, be it of body or soul, possessions or reputation, in our self-centeredness we focus on our sense of relief. Instead of returning thanks we are only aware of our personal comfort and gain. Forgive us our trespasses, heavenly Father.

Pastor: Paul was inspired to write, “. . . God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Indeed, in Christ, both our daily concerns and eternal hopes have been met in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. By the grace of God we can be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: To our God and Father be all glory forever and ever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *“Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* **LSB 528**

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

antiphon: v.7

Antiphon

Pastor: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Psalm

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make His face to shine upon us,

Pastor: that Your way may be known on earth,

People: Your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Antiphon

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: God, our God, shall bless us.

Antiphon

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:6-20

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY *“We Praise You O God”*

LSB 785

MESSAGE *“Rise and go your way”*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”*

LSB 806

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name as we humbly ask You to accept these Your own gifts which we offer to Your divine goodness, together with this, the sacrifice of our thanksgiving and the incense of our prayers. And here we present and yield ourselves to You, asking that Your kingdom come to us and Your will be done among us as true members in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that, in communion with Your whole Church, we may make a pure offering to Your name.

HYMN STANZA *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”* **LSB 782, St. 1**

**Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer for the universal Church, that You will confirm it, conform it, and lead it in the truth of Your holy faith; inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. We pray for those who are ordained to be pastors in Your Church, that by their life and doctrine they may set forth Your true and living Word and rightly administer Your holy Sacraments. Strengthen those in the mission field, that they may remain strong, steadfast, striving faithfully in proclaiming Your Gospel.

HYMN STANZA “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB 782, St. 2

**By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all.
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, bless, we pray You, our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all our institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and their fellow people. Give us all our daily bread and let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task. Forgive us our trespasses, give to all people the mind of Christ and dispose our days in righteousness. Lead us not into temptation, take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever may hinder justice and love among the races of mankind, and deliver us from evil.

HYMN STANZA “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB 782, St. 3

**In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends.
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, remember the nations of the world, and let concord and peace prevail among them. Remember those who govern us with authority; guide those who influence our lives through various media. Remember our children, our youth, our single members, and married couples, the widows and orphans, and all the lonely, forsaken, and despairing. Remember the sick, the suffering, the persecuted, and the dying, especially those whom we name in our hearts before you. . . Send them help and strength in Your merciful goodness.

HYMN STANZA *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”* LSB 782, St. 4

**Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place!
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

Pastor: Finally, Father, we remember before You those who have preceded us in Your eternal harvest and we pray that we, who now celebrate this feast of love, may at last join them at the marriage supper of the Lamb for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

People: **Amen, amen, yes, yes, it shall be so.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy are You, O God, almighty and most merciful Lord holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life, and You sent Him into the world to fulfill for us Your holy will and to accomplish our salvation. And then You give daily bread to everyone without our prayers. Grant that, strengthened in faith as we receive our Lord's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, we would be led to believe and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving until that day when we break bread with You at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

People: **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **“Your Table I Approach”** **LSB 628**
 “ My Faith Looks Up To Thee” **LSB 702**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins, won for us by our Savior Jesus. Strengthened by this Sacrament, we are sent out to forgive and gladly to do good to those who sin against us. And we pray that Your Holy Spirit will so guide us that we give thanks to You each day in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,
and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

PARTING HYMN **“Now Thank We All Our God”** **LSB 895**

POSTLUDE **“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”** **David Burkhardt**