

ASCENSION & REDEMPTION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THANKSGIVING DAY



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Psalm 118:1** <sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Prayer:** Dear Father in heaven, This Thanksgiving, as we gather together, direct our hearts and minds to the sole source of every good and perfect gift: You. Your love continuously showers upon us, granting us blessings beyond measure. Including the greatest gift of all, the gift of Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer from sin. Let us always come before You and offer You our thanks and praise for Your great love. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who rules and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

# Service of the Word

**Opening Hymn**    **TLH 574 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** (spoken)

P: We have come together to worship the Lord our God, to hear His Word, and to praise Him for His goodness.

**C: He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness.

**C: We will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.**

P: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to His name.

**C: To proclaim His love in the morning and His faithfulness at night.**

P: Lift up your hearts to the God Who gives all good things!

**C: We raise our voices in praise to Him!**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing Giver of every good gift, we implore You to dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, so that by grace we poor sinners may be turned to You and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.** (spoken)

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**Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise!  
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.**

P: Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: Sing to the Lord, bless His name. Tell of His salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.



**God makes the clouds rain goodness,  
The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty, and with peace.**

**P:** Sing aloud to God our Strength. Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**C:** May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**P:** Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.



**Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.**

### **Old Testament Lesson:**

### **Deuteronomy 8:1-18**

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,



To God our gracious Father, Who made us "very good,"  
To Christ, Who, when we wandered, Forgave us through His blood,  
And to the Holy Spirit, Who does upon us pour  
His blessed gifts and goodness, Be praise forevermore.

**Epistle Lesson:**

**Philippians 4:10-13**

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**TLH 36**

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

**Gospel Lesson:**

**Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**Hymn:**

**TLH 568 We Praise Thee, O God**

**Sermon:**

**Psalm 118**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## **What's Your Centerpiece this Thanksgiving?**

**Offertory:**

**36 Now Thank We All Our God**

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 heaven adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**Prayer - Lord's Prayer**

**G** Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen

**Hymn:**

**572 Praise to God, Immortal Praise**

**The Benediction**

**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 sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

C: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” (Eph 1:3-7)

P: In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Hymn: WS 792 Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in His orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.  
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest,  
Hosanna and praise!"

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## **Announcements**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Christmas VBS:** Our Christmas VBS will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. For more details, or if you are interested in helping out, please speak to myself or Ann.
- **Advent Midweek:** Our candlelight Advent service will be held on Wednesday night December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Centerpiece Crafting:** All are invited to Redemption on December 7<sup>th</sup> following our Christmas VBS for a crafting party. If you would like to attend, but are hesitant about driving, please let me or Ann know.

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> Ascension Communion Service at 11:30

Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Advent Service at 6:30