

THANKSGIVING EVE

NOVEMBER 28, 2013

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

- Fellowship to build up one another in love
- Assemble regularly for worship and sacraments
- Intercede in prayer on behalf of one another
- Teach the truth of God's Word
- Help people in our community and beyond by witnessing, inviting, and serving



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER and SHARE THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN #789 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

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| 1 | Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood. | 3 | Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care. |
| 2 | Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread. | | |

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:6–20*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

OPENING VERSICLES

[P] O Lord, open my lips,

[C] And my mouth will declare Your praise.

[P] Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

[C] Make haste to help me, O Lord,

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

[P] Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(Silence for reflection)

[P] Almighty and merciful God,

[C] We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have been unthankful, unholy, unloving, and unforgiving. We deserve Your punishment. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Grant us purpose, faith,

patience, love, and endurance. Help us acknowledge the truth of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

[P] God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce God's grace to you. Your faith has made you well. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen! We give our thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen!

INTROIT

[P] I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

[C] I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

[P] O Lord, how manifold are your works!

[C] In wisdom have you made them all;

[P] The earth is full of your creatures.

[C] These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

[P] When you give it to them, they gather it up;

[C] When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

[P] When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

[C] And you renew the face of the ground.

[All] Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

[P] I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

[C] I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

[All] Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

[C] **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

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

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN #895 *Now Thank We All Our God*

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| 1 | Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today. | 3 | 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. |
| 2 | Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd 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! | | |

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[P] Hear my prayer, O Lord;

[C] Let my cry come to You.

[P] In the day of my trouble I call upon You;

[C] For You answer me.

[P] Hide Your face from my sins,

[C] And blot out all my iniquities.

[P] Create in me a clean heart, O God,

[C] And renew a right spirit within me.

[P] Cast me not away from Your presence,

[C] And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

[P] Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

[C] And uphold me with a willing spirit.

[P] Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

[C] My lips will praise You.

[P] For You have been my help,

[C] And in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

[P] Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

[C] Unite my heart to fear Your name.

[P] I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

[C] And I will glorify Your name forever.

[P] May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

[C] May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

[P] Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

[C] Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

[P] Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

[C] Listen to my plea for grace.

[All] I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PAX DOMINI

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #892 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #921 *On What Has Now Been Sown*

- 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

- 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

- 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

[silent prayer]

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks...

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions... to render our National Government a blessing to all the people...to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations... and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

President George Washington, 1789
