

Thanksgiving

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Organ Prelude Mr. Ryan Mueller

CDS *Praise and Thanksgiving*

Hymn 574 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng; Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration.*

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.

*Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth.*

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.

*Praise to the Lord, Who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when needlessly falling hath stayed thee.
What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.*

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.*

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19

Youth Choir *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

Hymn 568 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator*

Sermon Genesis 32:10 "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff and now I have become two companies."

Pause to Think...Cause to Thank

Offertory and Offering Hymn 36 *Now Thank We All Our God*

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.

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.

Choir "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn 793 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Prayer - Lord's Prayer

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 *Let All Things Now Living (792)*

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 still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's 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 its 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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CDS *Praise and Thanksgiving*

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.

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.

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.

A Thanksgiving Prayer Youth Choir

Thank You, Lord, for loving us all.
For Your gifts both great and small,
For the faith which keeps us strong,
Now we join in thankful song.

For beauty all around,
Ev'ry sight and ev'ry sound,
For the love and friendship we share,
Lord, we bow in thankful prayer.

We gather together to share in God's blessings:
The colors of autumn, the blossoms of spring,
The gift of creation, the promise of salvation.
For all His many wonders our thanks now we bring.

Now we join in worship and praise,
Together we join in our song of thanksgiving,
With grateful rejoicing our voices we raise.
All men and all nations unite in celebration,
To God be all honor and glory and praise!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Choir)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain:

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DECORATING We plan to decorate the church for Christmas immediately after the service on Sunday. If you are able to assist with this, your help will be much appreciated.

VOTERS The Election meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3.

HOSPITALIZED Herman Eigenberg hopes to be released from the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls sometime today. Please remember him and his wife in your prayers.

COOKIE EXCHANGE If anyone is interested in participating in a cookie exchange in December, please contact Ruth Eigenberg.