ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 27, 2019
7:00 p.m.

O give thanks unto the LORD
DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Giving Thanks

AS WE GATHER

We celebrate Thanksgiving, a day dedicated to remembering all that God has done for us and thanking Him for His abundant blessings. Though you may have food to cook and relatives to entertain, let’s take a moment and pause before the Lord, who has provided You with many blessings, chief among them sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to give you eternal life.
PRELUDE  “Now Thank We All Our God”  Paul Manz

GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

HYMN  “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”  LSB 892

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor:  Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People:  His steadfast love endures forever.
Pastor:  He has created us together with all creatures.
People:  He has given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our members.
Pastor:  He has given us our reason and all our senses and still takes care of them.
People:  He has given us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home.
Pastor:  He has given us our spouses and children, our land, animals, and all that we have.
People:  He richly and daily gives us all that we need to support our bodies and lives.
Pastor:  He defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil.
People:  All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.
Pastor:  For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
People:  This is most certainly true.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:  “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.” (Matthew 6:25)
People:  “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27)
Pastor:  God has promised to provide for all our needs, both in this life and in the next. Yet our flesh is weak when we are called to live by faith and not by sight. Let us confess our sins of doubt and worry instead of clinging to God’s great promises of provision. Merciful God,
People:  We confess we have not always trusted in Your promises to care for us. Though You give us “rain from heaven and crops in their seasons” (Acts 14:17) we still worry about basics, as if we didn’t have a loving, heavenly
Father. You say we are “worth more than many sparrows” (Acts 10:31) yet we fret over material things. You give us “everything we need for life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3) yet we grumble as if we had nothing. Our prayers sound like laundry lists of desires. Too few of our prayers are thanksgiving for blessings! You tell us to “give thanks in all circumstances” but we barely give thanks in good times, much less in bad times. Forgive our ungrateful hearts, for Jesus’ sake. Fill us now with Your Holy Spirit, that we may thrill to your promises and trust in your providence.

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For the sake of Jesus and his atoning death, the ingratitude of your heart is forgiven and your guilt is washed away. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good and your many offenses are blotted out from His sight through Jesus’ blood, in the name of the Father and of the *Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.
Pastor: Let us bring Him the sacrifice of praise!
People: And offer Him the sacrifice of joy!

SONGS OF RESPONSE

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise  BOB #234

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good.
OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1–10
( Remember the Lord’s goodness.)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:6–20
( Do not be anxious. God provides.)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your
acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia verse and the Holy Gospel.

VERSE Psalm 136:1

Pastor: Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.
People: For His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19
(Jesus cleanses ten lepers. One returns to give thanks.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.
One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Praise You, O God” LSB 785
(Verse 2—Choir Only)

TEXT: I Timothy 6:17-18
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us return thanks to the Lord, for all the good and perfect gifts He has given us, and let us pray for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, You have given us abundant earthly blessings. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we thank You for the food and drink that will be on our tables this day and every day. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gifts of our clothing and shoes, house and home, and all our fiscal resources. Give hope to the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help them to rely on You in these challenging times. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of families and friends. Thank You for our communities of faith. Thank You for the opportunity to gather with the ones we love. Protect all who are traveling for the holiday, and strengthen those who cannot be with family and friends today. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of health and long life. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: …*other petitions may be added here*… Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of good friends and faithful neighbors. Be with all those who are lonely, those who have moved to a new place, and those who are struggling to find community. Bring them the joys of fellowship with others who return thanks to You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His mercy endures forever. Amen.**
COMMON DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow
Text: Thomas Ken; Tune: Louis Bourgeois; Public Domain, arr. D. Blair

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Awaken the Dawn with Thanksgiving”
Mark Hayes
Ascension Chorale

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!” a word of affirmation and belief.

*SACRAMENT*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Colossians 3:1
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is good and right, our duty and our delight, to give thanks to You, Lord God, our heavenly Father, from whom all things come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Word through whom all things came into being. Mindful of all Your gifts and gathered by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we offer You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and for Your kindness in bestowing upon us everlasting life. Therefore with all the angels and the company of heaven we offer You thanks and praise, singing:

**TE DEUM**

(“We Praise You, O God” - Divine Service, Matins, LSB p. 223)

1. We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth now worships you, the Father everlasting.
2. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.
3. The noble army of martyrs praise you. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge you:

4. You are the king of glory, O Christ; you are the everlasting Son of the Father.

5. When you took upon yourself to deliver man, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.
6. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

5. When you had overcome the sharpness of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
6. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

7. We therefore pray you to help your servants, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

7. Make them to be numbered with your saints in glory everlasting.
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give You thanks, almighty God, for Your patient love that bore with us sinners, who deserved only Your wrath. You gave us Your Law to protect us from harm and sent forth Your promise through the prophets to sustain us in the hope of a Savior. In the fullness of days, You delivered up Your own Son, born of the Virgin by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill all righteousness for us and to offer Himself as the one, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sin and for the sin of the whole world. Before He was betrayed to His voluntary sufferings, He established a memorial of His death, through which He offers to us His body in bread and His blood in wine, that we might be forgiven of our sins and strengthened by His grace to everlasting life.

People: Amen.


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.”

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER Found in the back cover of the Hymnal

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Fantasia on Old 100th” Lloyd Larson
Gloria Dei Handbell Ringers

“Let All Things Now Living” arr. Nielson & Young
Diana Gaide, pianist

“Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB 789
“Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION Based on Psalm 113:3; Philippians 4:6–7

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: may the name of the Lord be praised.
Pastor: Without anxiety or fear, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, offer Your requests to God.
People: And may the peace of God which surpasses all our understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—Father, ✡ Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” LSB 809

POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” J.S. Bach
Serving in Worship

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