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Thanksgiving Eve Service

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Please Stand.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING (from Psalm 65)

Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins,

you forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

We sing Hymn 609:1 (*Wait for brief musical introduction*)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior,

the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,

who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

Those living far away fear your wonders;

where morning dawns and evening fades

We sing Hymn 609:2

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.

Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;

When perils o'take us, you will not forsake us,

And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty, and the valleys are mantled with grain;

ALL: THEY SHOUT FOR JOY AND SING.

We sing Hymn 609:3

With voices united our praises we offer;

To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 8:18-22

¹⁸ Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives along with him. ¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species. ²⁰ Noah built an altar to the LORD and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasant aroma. The LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

PSALM OF THE DAY

***Psalm 100* | pg.104**

"For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

SECOND READING

James 1:16-18

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷ Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change

or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸ Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

HYMN

We Thank You for Your Blessings | #615

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. ⁴ He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. ⁷ When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man. ⁸ Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 1st Article & Explanation—Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Please be seated.

HYMN

10,000 Reasons

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship your holy name
Lord, I'll worship your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name.

SERMON

James 1:16-18

Theme: **First Fruit Thankfulness**

Hymn

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my
2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be-
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
side, who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and
bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -
caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -
ev-'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of
nough for ev-'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with
earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
life, my all, to love and fol - low



him, to love and fol - low him.

THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Christ Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Cambridge and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn 485:1-2 (Sung after the offering is brought forward, please stand)

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blesses us, To thee our firstfruits give.**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, when you open your hand, you satisfy the desires of every living thing. May your name be praised and your grace glorified. Today we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us. Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings. We thank you especially for the incomparable spiritual blessings you have given us through your Son. It is true that every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

Yet we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry. Forgive us for these and all our sins in the name of Jesus. Prevent our many blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us. Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things. On this day of national Thanksgiving, pour out your Spirit on us. Bless us all with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and your righteousness. Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well. Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.

Be with your people wherever they might be on this holiday. Protect those who are traveling. Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.

Special prayers may follow.

Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely prays, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." It is also in that spirit of thankfulness we come to you with the prayer you taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD | #610



Thank You, LORD!

