

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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IN WHATEVER STATE I

AM, TO BE

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PHILIPPIANS 4:11

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all my needs of body and soul. Grant me Your Holy Spirit that I may receive Your goodness, abound in thanksgiving, and share Your blessings all my days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER The Day of Thanksgiving provides us a special time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for His countless blessings in our lives. From our early years, we have likely been told: “Count your blessings!” Can you do that today? As you think about the ways the Lord has blessed you in both body and soul, can you ever count them all? No way! God’s blessings are way too numerous! Nevertheless, as we name our blessings and number them, we pause at each one to say, “Thank You, Lord!” Even when we go through difficult and trying times—and perhaps especially when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God and, echoing what is recorded in its sacred pages, respond to the Lord in gratitude and worship. In today’s Epistle, we will see how Paul was taught by times of hardship how he could be content. Paul’s awareness of God’s ever-faithful provision led him to “abound” in thanksgiving! May we do the same today, abounding in thanksgiving to the God who “will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)!

WELCOME

PRELUDE *(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)*

OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **LSB 892**



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: v. 33*

P I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

C O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—

P These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.

C What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

P You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

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

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

Please Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

(You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.)

1 “Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

6 “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 7*

(God blesses His people, and they praise Him!)

P God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

C God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us,

P That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

P Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! for You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.

C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

P Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

C 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

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forever. Amen.

P God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:6–20*

(God supplies our needs, and we abound in thanksgiving.)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for

my necessities. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

(One of the healed lepers returns to give thanks to Jesus.)

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

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

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, 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

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Please Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

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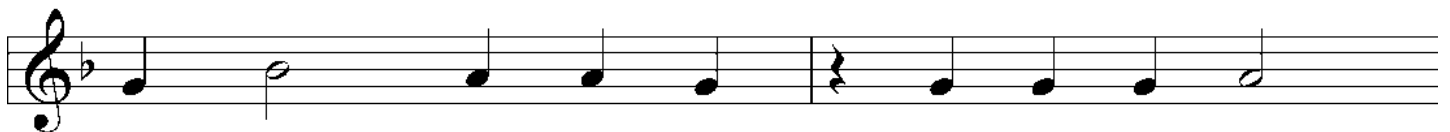
1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,
I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died
sun of grace. His cheer-ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all,
from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap-peased. Since He in death
With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought
Sweet com-fort, hope, and peace. This Eas-ter sun
With You, my liv-ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -
has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -
my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
sus' res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
re - joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

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SERMON

"A Contented Pastor"

(Philippians 4:6-20)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

(Use of American Sign Language)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for all those who come before Jesus with songs of gratefulness and praise and for all people on earth, that we may abound in thanksgiving, this day and always.
For all those who worship You in Spirit and in truth; for all members of this congregation and for all the baptized souls who belong to the body of Christ; for our unity in Christ Jesus and His Word; for our dedication to His mission to bring the Good News to every corner of the world; that hearts may abound in thanksgiving,

as we receive the foretaste of the heavenly feast to come. Hear our prayer;

C we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

P For our families and our friends; for our relatives and our neighbors, both those who share our Table today and those who are miles away; for our houses and our homes; for our spouses and our children; for food and drink; for laughter and for tears; and for the memories of past times and the expectation of blessings yet to be, that as we gather to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day we may lift our praises to our gracious Creator and Redeemer. Hear our prayer;

C we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

P For our nation, its leaders, public servants, and those who wear its uniform to protect its people; for the land, the businesses, and the schools in our community, that they may be filled with God's goodness; and for hearts and minds, hands and mouths that are ready to receive their daily bread with thanksgiving, that we recognize every good gift comes from our Father above. Hear our prayer;

C we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

P For the sick, the suffering, and the dying; for those who are hurting in heart, body, mind, and relationship; for those who are hungry and tired, weary and alone, that they may know the healing presence of Jesus and return to Him, fall at His feet, and worship Him; and for those who work to bring needed relief and the Lord's healing touch to all those for whom we pray, [especially . . .]. Hear our prayer;

C we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

P With hearts ever grateful and lives ever thankful, we offer these prayers before You, O Lord, trusting that You hear, answer, and bless us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P With thanksgiving, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

C 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Please Sit

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

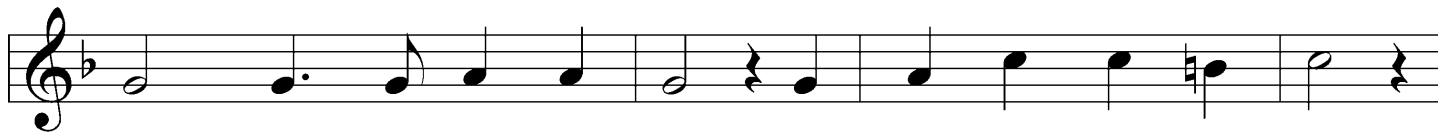
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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

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P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the LORD, for
He is good, for His steadfast
love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

