



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

**Babbtown (Meta, 8 a.m.)
Schubert (Jefferson City, 9:30 a.m.)**

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26, 2020

Order of Worship: Printed below
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)

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We welcome each of you this morning in the Name of the Triune God, from whom all blessings flow. We gather today, on this National Day of Thanksgiving, to give God the glory for the physical and spiritual gifts that He has poured out upon our land and upon our homes. Of course, we remember that no blessing would be of any value to us if it were not for the greatest blessing—the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

If you are a guest, we greet you with special joy. Please introduce yourself, sign the guest register, and come again soon!

Have A Wonderful Day of Thanksgiving!

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The Ringing Of The Bell

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn, TLH 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 Thro’ 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 heav’n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

Invocation: *[Please rise]*

P: In the Name of God the Father:

C: **Praise to our Creating God!**

P: In the Name of God the Son:

C: **Praise to our Redeeming God!**

P: In the Name of God the Spirit:

C: **Praise to our Renewing God!**

Hymn Verse: “Give Thanks To God, For He Is Good”

**Give thanks to God, for He is good; His mercy never ends.
He makes the earth spring forth with food; refreshing rain He sends.
Go, serve the Lord; give thanks to God whose blessings never cease.
Lord, stretch your hand o’er all our land, that we may serve in peace.**

P: Serve the Lord; obey His precepts; and the Lord will bless you in many ways:

C: **Abundant crops from fertile fields, herds and flocks that reproduce, work to do and food to eat, and victory so families may live in peace.**

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn Verse: “Give Thanks To God, For He Is Good”

**Give thanks to God, for He is good. Our ancestors confessed
God’s providence directing them, their lives so richly blessed.
Go, serve the Lord; give thanks to God whose blessings never cease.
Lord, stretch your hand o’er all our land, that we may serve in peace.**

P: Serve the Lord; obey His precepts; let the whole world know that you belong to God.

C: **We benefit from His promises, live together in peace and harmony, bear witness to God’s charity, and serve the Lord with thankful hearts.**

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn Verse: “Give Thanks To God, For He Is Good”

**Give thanks to God, for He is good. His only Son He gave,
That all who would in Christ believe, might know God’s pow’r to save.
Go, serve the Lord; give thanks to God whose blessings never cease.
The Spirit’s breath increase our faith, that we may serve in peace.**

P: Serve the Lord; obey His precepts; give thanks for all His benefits.

C: **The earth brings forth its bounty, where the skies send forth God's rain.**

We have been given all we need, and even more—to share.

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn Verse: “Give Thanks To God, For He Is Good”

Give thanks to God, for He is good. The future opens wide,

And even to eternity God's mercies still abide.

Go, serve the Lord; give thanks to God whose blessings never cease.

Lord, lift Your face, shine forth Your grace, that we may serve in peace.

The Prayer of the Day:

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, move us by the working of Your Holy Spirit to recognize the abundance of Your unceasing blessings, that we may give You true thanks and serve You in faithful obedience; through Your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

[Please be seated.]

The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees 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 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn, TLH 574 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn, TLH 572 “Praise To God, Immortal Praise”

**Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of every joy, Let Thy praise our tongues employ.
All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**All the plenty summer pours; Autumn’s rich, oe’r-flowing stores;
Flocks that whiten all the plain; Yellow sheaves of ripened grain—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

**Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss, and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd’ning streams, True religion’s holier beams.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

**As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 *[Please rise.]*

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Apostles’ Creed, p. 12

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day
He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the
right hand of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion
of saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life
everlasting. Amen.**

[Please be seated.]

The Sermon Hymn, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**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,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN**

The Sermon: “Giving Thanks In All Circumstances” Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Offertory Hymn “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.**

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father who are 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 For The Nation

Hymn, TLH 577 "God Bless Our Native Land"

**God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand Thro' storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.**

**For her our prayer shall rise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry, God save the State! Amen.**

Prayer:

P: We thank You Almighty God

C: **For Your Word and redeeming love.**

P: We are thankful for all You have given us:

C: **For our Church and our homes.**

P: For our friends and our family,

C: **For laughter and for tears,**

P: We praise You, O Lord, for so many blessings:

C: **For food in great abundance,**

P: For heat and electricity,

C: **And for comfort and clothing.**

P: We thank You for education,

C: **For schools and colleges, for Sunday School and Bible Class,**

P: For teachers and Church workers,

C: **For willing hands and hearts to serve You;**

P: But, Lord, our attempts to thank You for so much seems so inadequate.

C: **Accept us, Oh Lord, for in gratitude we offer our lives and all that we have to You.**

P: Give us the strength to be thankful, faithful people. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen. Let it be according to Your Word. Amen.**

The Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

The Closing Hymn, TLH 644 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude**

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*ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.
USHERS: Jim F. and Mike F.*

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*THANK YOU for worshipping with us today. Come back again soon. Sunday Worship – Babbtown,
8:00 a.m. Schubert – Saturday (Mask only), 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.*

*THANKS FOR the special offering of food. It will be used for community food pantries and our own
food pantry.*

*THANKS ALSO to the Kurt and Molly B. Family; and Kim and Jay F. of Fischer Farms for the fall
decorations.*

***HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!***

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- Hymn #574: Text: Isaiah 9:8; Author; Henry Alford, 1844, cento alt.; Tune: St. George; Composer: Georg J. Elvey, 1858.
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