

**THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**

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His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a
Samaritan.”
(Luke 17:15-16)**

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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 the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church Almighty God, You give me what I need for every part of my life. Open my eyes that I see not only the nourishment You provide my body but also that which strengthens my soul in the gift of Your Son; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER On Thanksgiving, most Americans are thankful for God's gift of a table overflowing with special foods, not to mention the family gathered there or the parades and football games filling the rest of the day. But when we gather together around God's Word—coming through our ears in the Readings and sermon and through our mouths in the Lord's Supper—our thanksgiving is for more. God has both given us our daily bread and has also forgiven us our trespasses. Our heavenly Father has given us His Son, the Word made flesh. Our Thanksgiving has no end.

WELCOME

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

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

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.**

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.

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 also with you.**

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Deuteronomy 8:1–10**(In the good land, remember God's fatherly care.)*

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*

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.

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

EPISTLE*Philippians 4:6–20**(God will supply every need.)*

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.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1*

P The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

C **You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

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* (Only one leper returns to give thanks.)

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 802

SERMON *"Call upon me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you. And you will glorify Me."*

(Luke 17:18)

NICENE CREED

ALL: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us come before almighty God to thank Him for countless blessings and ask His grace and mercy for ourselves and all who call out to Him in faith. Paul's exhortation

in the Epistle guides our petitions.

Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is true,

C we give thanks that Your Word of promise is truth itself, and we ask that in governments and societies on the national level down to our own communities truth will prevail and falsehood be exposed.

P Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is honorable,

C we give thanks that You have honored the lowly in Your compassionate love, and we pray that Your Spirit will guide us to honor Your name and kingdom in all that we say and do.

P O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is just,

C we give thanks that our Savior's sacrifice covers our sins before the Father's throne, and we pray that justice will prevail in the courts of our land and in the nations of the world; grant that peace break out between neighbors and countries.

P Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is pure,

C we give thanks for the pure Gospel as clergy and lay leaders proclaim it around the world, and we pray that You guide, protect, and direct the Church wherever it is found so that it grow in faith and numbers.

P Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is lovely,

C we give thanks for the good and bountiful earth You have given us, and we pray You to bless those who sow and till, those who produce and distribute, so that daily bread will be available to all the people of this planet.

P O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is commendable,

C we give thanks for the gifts You have placed within people by which they are able to care for one another in health facilities and within their own families, and we pray that You will open the eyes of all so that we work together to serve the weak and forgotten, the sick and poor around us.

P Almighty God, You alone are excellent and worthy of praise. Hear the thanks in our hearts for whatever our lips have failed to speak; we pray You to guide our feet in to Your loving paths that thanksgiving abound as we serve You and those around us to the glory of Your holy name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

(We share the Lord's peace, saying to one another, "Peace be with you.")

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893

OFFERING

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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."

P 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."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

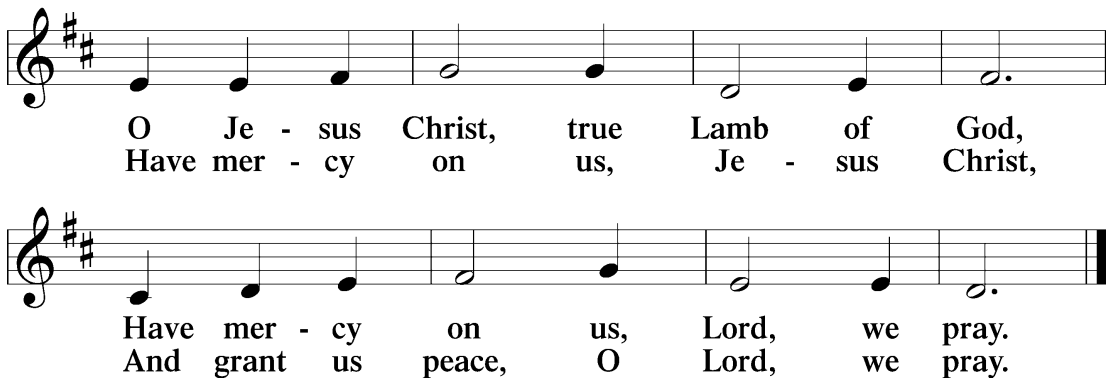
ANGUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LSB 793; vs. 1 & 4

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.**

SENDING HYMN

We Praise You, O God

LSB 785

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

LIVING FEARLESSLY: Filled With Purpose

In 1955, Rev. Harry Fricke composed these words:

“In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.”

This is the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League pledge. I’ve always thought it should be the pledge of every one of us. It accurately describes the passionate, kind, and Christlike mission outreach of the LWML. It also lifts our sights to live fearlessly as a church. It re-sets our focus when we can become so distracted by fear.

Fear would have us retreat from the crazy and chaotic world. Fear would tempt us to turn inward and become self-protective when life gets confusing and the changes become challenging. Fear would try to convince us that the Word of God is too small and powerless for the daunting developments of the 21st century.

But our “Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption” fill us with courageous gratitude. Renewed in baptism and outfitted with the armor of God, we step forward in “willing service wherever and whenever [Jesus] has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.”

In other words, by grace, we become a church that blesses the world. In Jesus Christ, you become people who bless your family, your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors, and your community with the life God gives. Fear wants to drain God’s purpose from your life and from your church. The Risen Savior renews your heart and restores your purpose.

Let us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, live as FEARLESS people with a focused purpose!

Questions for reflection:

Read Esther 4:4-14. You may be familiar with Esther’s fear as she was challenged to approach the king with her concern about the destruction of her people.

- What fear is paralyzing your purpose to be Jesus “Gospel light” these days?
- What unique place or position has God given you so you can share His love?

Read the LWML pledge once again. How does the pledge remind you of specific ways you can step forward in serving God and His precious people?

Prayer starter: Read Psalm 27:1-5 and ask God to remove your fear and set you “high on a rock” as His witness to people in your life.

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