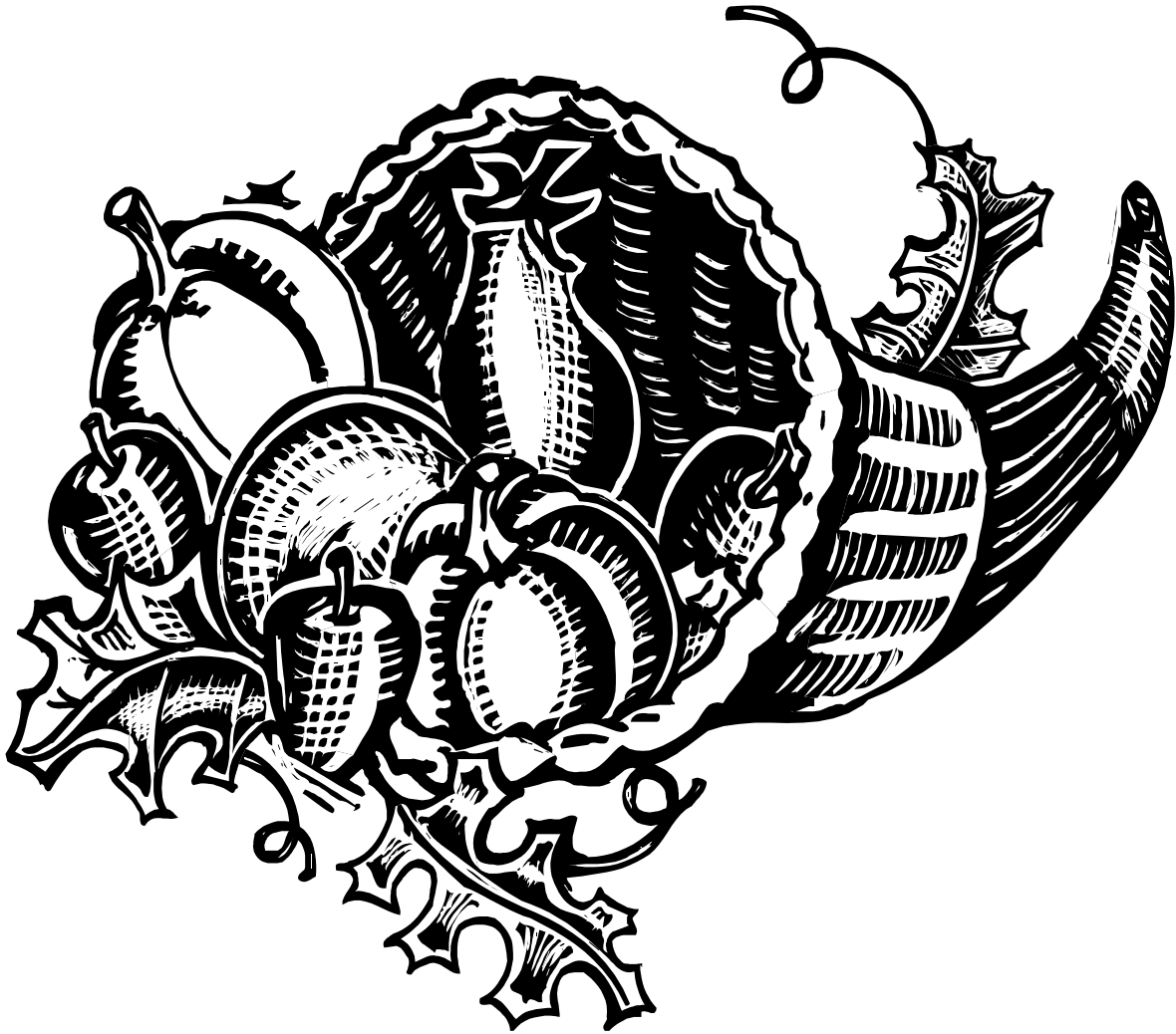


In Thankfulness and Praise



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Serbin, Texas

November 23, 2023



THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP
November 23, 2023 9:00 a.m.
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SERBIN, TEXAS

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: ♪"COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

LSB 892

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

4 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.

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Stand

INVOCATION AND OPENING PSALM 33

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
- C Praise befits the upright.**
- P** Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
- C make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**
- P** Sing to him a new song;
- C play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**
- P** For the word of the Lord is upright,
- C and all his work is done in faithfulness.**
- P** He loves righteousness and justice;
- C the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**
- P** By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
- C and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**
- P** He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
- C he puts the deeps in storehouses.**
- P** Let all the earth fear the Lord;
- C let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**
- P** For he spoke, and it came to be;
- C he commanded, and it stood firm.**
- P** The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
- C he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**
- P** The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
- C the plans of his heart to all generations.**
- P** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
- C the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

HYMN: ♪“WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD”

LSB 785

- 1 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.

- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** O God of all graciousness, you have poured out blessing upon blessing upon us, yet we in our sinfulness have not always been generous back to you in how we have lived. Instead of being grateful, we have been greedy.
- C Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Instead of being righteous, we have been rebellious.
- C Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Instead of being loving, we have been angry.
- C Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Instead of being content, we have been jealous.
- C Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Instead of being kind, we have been hurtful.
- C Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Instead of being joyful, we have been judgmental.
- C Forgive us and free from all our disobedience.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Give thanks for this good news: your sins are forgiven and you are granted a fresh start. The patterns of your old sinful selves have been replaced by the wonderful ways of Christ, who died yet was raised so that we might live in love for him in joyful response to all he has done.
- C We thank you for your forgiveness, O Christ. We sing our praises to you for restoring us. Amen.**

Sit

GERMAN HYMN: ♪“NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT”

LSB 895

- 1. Nun danket alle Gott
Mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
Der große Dinge tut
An uns und allen Enden,
Der uns von Mutterleib
Und Kindesbeinen an
Unzählig viel zu gut
Bis hier her hat getan.**

**2. Der ewig reiche Gott
Woll uns bei unsrem Leben
Ein immer fröhlich Herz
Und edlen Frieden geben,
Und uns in seiner Gnad,
Erhalten fort und fort
Und uns aus aller Not
Erlösen hier und dort.**

**Δ 3. Lob, Ehr und Preis sei Gott,
Dem Vater und dem Sohne
Und dem, der beiden gleich
Im höchsten Himmelsthron,
Dem enig höchsten Gott,
Als er anfänglich war
Und ist und bleiben wird
Jetzund und immerdar.**

Stand

COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING

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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪"IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS"

EPISTLE READING**1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4**

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪"JOYFUL THANKSGIVING"*Stand***GOSPEL READING****LUKE 17:11-19**

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

*Sit***SERMON HYMN: ♪"PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING"****LSB 789**

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

**3 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.**

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SERMON: "WHY GIVE THANKS?"

LUKE 17:11-19

By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN: ♪ "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"

LSB 781 V. 1-2

- 1 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.**
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

PRAYERS

- P** O God of the earth and of the universe, you created each of us in your image. Mold us and shape us into the people you would have us be for you. Move our hands and feet to serve you wholeheartedly. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear what you are doing in our lives, and guide our lips to proclaim your goodness to all the world. In thankfulness and praise,
C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.
- P** O God our Father, you sent your Son into the world to become one of us and save us from sin, death and the devil. Let your forgiveness flow through us and flow out from us to others. Strengthen us to resist all temptation and fill us with the hope we have in you for the life yet to come. In everything may our lives be thank offerings to you. In thankfulness and praise,
C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P Great God, who sent the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of Jesus to every nation and land, energize us to witness for you. Inspire us to share the salvation story of your Son to people far and near. Stir up inside of us the desire to grow in our faith and remain in our faith in you that we might draw closer to you. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P Healing Lord, bless those who are suffering in body, soul and mind that they may find relief from their pain. Comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and be present with all those who are hospitalized or home-bound. Grant peace to them all and bring recovery, according to your will. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P Generous God, as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, help us to remember all the gifts you provide for us every day of the year. Fill us with gratitude in our hearts for the love of family and friends, the protection of clothing and shelter, and the abundance of food and drink that we enjoy. Grant safe travels to those who are journeying to be with loved ones and bless all gatherings with joy in you and in one another. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P In every prayer we pray to you, we thank you for listening, we love you for caring and we trust you to answer us. Let us keep holding fast to you. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord. Amen.

Sit

HYMN: ♪ "SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU"

LSB 537

Schönster Herr Jesu,
Herrscher aller Herren,
Gottes und Mariä Sohn!
Dich will ich lieben,
Dich will ich ehren,
Meiner Seelen Freud' und Kron'.

Schön sind die Wälder,
Schöner die Felder
In der schönen, Frühlingszeit,
Jesus ist schöner,
Jesus is reiner,
Der unser traurigs Herz erfreut.

Schön leucht't der Monden,
Schöner die Sonne
Als die Sternlein allzumal.
Jesus leucht't schöner,
Jesus leucht't reiner,
Als all die Engel im himmelssaal.

**Alle die Schönheit
Himmels und der Erde
Ist nur gegen ihn als Schein.
Keiner soll nimmer
Lieber uns werden
Als er, der schönste Jesus mein!**

Stand

LORD'S PRAYER

GERMAN BENEDICTION

P Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!
Der Herr erleuchte sein Angesicht über dich
Und sei dir gnädig!
Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich und
Gebe dir Frieden!

G♯ Amen, Amen, Amen.

BENEDICTION (FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:8)

P Finally, 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. Now may 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 his peace.

G All thanks and praise to God! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ♪"PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY"

LSB 797

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!**
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;**
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

**3 Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**△ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Advent Services	Wed.	Dec. 6,13	7:00 p.m.	Communion Dec. 6	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed.	Dec. 20	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun.	Dec. 24	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Sun.	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Mon.	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Sun.	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Mon.	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General





"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."

Psalm 107:1