

In Thankfulness and Praise



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Serbin, Texas

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THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP
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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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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.

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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 Himmelsthronen,
Dem einig höchsten Gott,
Als er anfänglich war
Und ist und bleiben wird
Jetztund und immerdar.**

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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.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 15:1-21

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider^(a) he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders

of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever." For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

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

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Sit

SERMON HYMN: ♪"SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD"

LSB 819

**1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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SERMON: "IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS"

By Pastor John Schmidt

1 THESSALONIANS 518

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

G Amen.

OFFERTORY

G 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"

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**

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

🎵 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.

C **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 Blessèd, oh, blessèd 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!**

SILENT PRAYER

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