



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



Thanksgiving

November 25 & 26, 2020

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Christian Worship 234



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
do As with his love he be - friends you.
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

DIALOGUE OF THANKSGIVING
selected verses from 1 Chronicles 16

- M:** Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
- C:** **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**
- M:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- C:** **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**
- M:** Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced.
- C:** **He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.**
- (sung)* **We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
We thank you for the harvests, yes, Lord, for ev'rything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, for rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, and for the gentle rain.**
- M:** Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- C:** **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**
- M:** For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
- C:** **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.**
- M:** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C:** **Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

(sung) **This day of great thanksgiving we count them one by one:
Our free and fruitful country, the great things you have done,
Our family, our loved ones, the guardian angels' care,
Our very self and heartbeat – Lord, hear our thankful prayer!**

M: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

C: Let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

M: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

C: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

M: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

C: Then all the people said “Amen” and “Praise the LORD.”

(sung) **But best of all your blessings, the rainbow of your love,
Are all the many mercies your Word brings from above.
Our life now has full meaning – Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living the way the Savior trod.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Israel thanks God for their past blessings.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine

houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

Those who have experienced God's compassion give him thanks and sing his praises.

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Psalm tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

Paul's thankfulness comes from contentment.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.

Please stand

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

The leper thanks Jesus for healing.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Anthem

Now Will I Praise the Lord With All My Heart

by Heinrich Schuetz

Ich will den Herren loben allezeit;
Sein lob soll immerdar in meinem munde sein.
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja, halleluja!

*Now will I praise the Lord with all my heart;
His praise continually shall be upon my lips.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Meine seele soll sich ruehmen des Herren,
Dass es die elenden hoeren und sich freuen.
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja, halleluja!

*My soul therefore shall be telling his praises,
That the poor and needy harken with rejoicing.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Preiset mit mir den Herren,
Und lasst uns miteinander seinen namen erhoehen.
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja, halleluja!

*Praise ye with me the Lord God,
And let us all together to his name lift our voices.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Da ich den Herren suchte, antwortet er mir,
Und errettet mich aus aller meiner furcht,
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja, halleluja!

*For when I sought the Lord, he harkened to me,
And delivered me from all my fear and dread,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Und half mir aus allen meinen noeten,
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja, halleluja!

*And helped me out of my distress,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Sermon

Genesis 32:10

Now Thank We All Our God

“I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups.”

Please stand

Confession of Faith (from Luther's Small Catechism, First Article)

**C: I believe that God made me and all creatures,
and that he gave me my body and soul,
eyes, ears, and all my members,
my mind, my senses, and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me
by richly and daily providing
clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home,
wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods,
and all that I need to keep my body and life;
and by defending me against all danger
and guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven,
and not because I have earned or deserved it.**

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

**M: Let us cry aloud our thanks to our God. For the tender love you show your whole creation, we
give you thanks.**

**C: For the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and for the homes in which we live, we give you
thanks.**

M: For our families, for husbands, wives, and children, for grandparents and grandchildren, and for aunts and uncles, we give you thanks.

C: **For the fields and their harvest, for farmers and their labors, and for the good earth and all its bounty, we give you thanks.**

M: For our nation and all its people, for the freedoms we enjoy, and especially for the freedom to worship you in peace, we give you thanks.

C: **For the sufferings that come upon us, and for the reminder they bring of the one thing needful, we give you thanks.**

M: Above all, for the incarnation of our Lord, for his suffering and death, for his glorious resurrection and ascension, and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, we give you thanks.

C: **For the sacred Scriptures, for the Law that shows us our sin, and for the Gospel that reveals the righteousness of Christ as your gift to us, we give you thanks.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: For these and all your mercies – mercies beyond number and measure – and for the joy you give us to stand before you and praise your name, we give you thanks.

C: **To you alone, O Lord God Almighty, we give all glory now and forevermore. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Christian Worship 612



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -
 3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss and
 4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
 flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,
 pub - lic wealth, Knowl - edge with its glad - d'ning streams,
 of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love



Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
 Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain— Lord, for these our
 True re - li - gion's ho - lier beams— Lord, for these our
 For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through



God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

Please stand

M: Heavenly Father, giver of all things, on this day we give you thanks for the countless blessings you have so freely bestowed on us and all people. Without any merit or worthiness in us, you have abundantly provided for us in body and soul. Enable us to receive your daily gifts with thanksgiving and joyfully look forward to that day when we will join with all believers in never-ending thanks and praise around the throne of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

Christian Worship 616

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, Bless the food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish, May our souls in gra - ces flour - ish Till with saints in heav'n - ly splen - dor At your feast due thanks we ren - der." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Announcements

Postlude

Serving at Worship

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St. John's Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16	Midweek Advent Worship 1:00 (broadcast online) & 6:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 19	Worship 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 20	Worship 8:00 (broadcast online) & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 23	Children's Christmas Service 1:00 p.m. (broadcast online only, no in-person service)
Thursday, December 24	Service of Lessons & Carols TBD (broadcast online)
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day Festival Worship TBD (broadcast online)
Saturday, December 26	No evening worship
Sunday, December 27	Worship 8:00 (broadcast online) & 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 31	New Year's Eve Worship 5:30 (broadcast online) & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 2	No evening worship
Sunday, January 3	Worship 8:00 (broadcast online) & 10:30 a.m.

To help us schedule our Christmas Eve and Day worship services, please take the brief survey available at www.sjtosa.org/worship.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, you may wish to reflect upon God's blessings by using the prayers printed below before and after your Thanksgiving meal.

Before the Meal

Dear Father in heaven, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We thank you for the rich outpouring of your gifts – gifts that provide everything we need for our daily lives. Nourish our bodies as we enjoy this meal. Cause us to remember the great love you have shown us in Jesus our Savior, and let that love also nourish our souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

After the Meal

Dear Father, you have given so much to us! Even in the midst of sickness, turmoil, and strife, we see your blessings. And so we close our meal with these requests: give us always grateful hearts, and make our Thanksgiving come alive with thankful living. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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