

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It is our prayer that this will be a time of worship and renewal for you, when you will encounter the living God revealed in Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION

While there are many times it would be questionable to shape our worship around the traditional festivals and celebrations of our culture; Thanksgiving is one of those times when the spirit and intention of the secular intersects with the sacred. And so on this day we remember and give thanks to God for the gifts of creation—of land and field and harvest; for food on our tables, and all the ways God sustains life and abundance for all.

But also and in particular this day we give thanks for God's healing life and presence in Jesus that is for all people and nations. Admittedly, our thanksgiving should not be and is not reserved to one festival day but each and every day of our life. Yet the Gospel reading reminds us how often we take not only food and field for granted, but God's grace and healing life as well; and how many times it is those we would call outsiders—the poor, those of different race, gender or creed—how often these are the most grateful of all. In the story of the ten lepers who are healed, Jesus asks a very timely question, *"Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

SOLO: "Thanks be to God Forever!" Powerpoint-photos by Good Shepherd members

GATHERING

INVOCATION

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CREATION LITURGY (based on Deuteronomy 8:7-18)

- L Your God is bringing you into a good land, with streams and rivers and springs of water,
C **A land which will produce great amounts of food for everyone.**
L No one will ever be hungry or ever be in need.
C **The earth will provide enough minerals and resources for everything we could ever imagine.**

- L Give thanks to God for all that God has given you.
- C **We will not forget God. When we have all these wonderful things at our disposal, we will use them in ways that are pleasing to God.**
- L Do not become proud and forget all that God has done.
- C **Once we were slaves. God brought us into freedom, gave us water in the desert, and fed us when we had nothing to eat.**
- L Do not say to yourselves "we have done it all ourselves. Everything we have, we earned with our own hands and hard work."
- C **No. Everything we have is a gift from God. Everything!**
- L Give thanks to God for all that God has given you.
- C **We will not forget God and all the wonderful things he has done!**

SONGS OF THANKSGIVING

"Come Ye Thankful People Come" (vs 1) ELW #693

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

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (vs 1) ELW #694

Sing to the Lord of harvest, your songs of love and praise
 With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise
 By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move
 Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love

"We Praise You O God" (vs 1) ELW #870

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; stir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

"Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs 2) ELW 68g

God, bless the labour we bring to serve you
That with our neighbour we may be fed
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you
Harvesting, milling for daily bread

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ELW 678

"to the tune of "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Hispanic Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty;
Creator of the heavens and the earth,
Creator of all peoples and all cultures,
Creator of all tongues and races.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,
God made flesh in an age for all ages,
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
through whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ
makes his presence known in our peoples and our cultures;
through whom God, Creator of all that exists,
gives us power to become new creatures;
whose infinite gifts make us one people:
the Body of Christ.

We believe in the church universal
because it's a sign of God's reign,
whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues
where all the colors paint a single landscape,
where all tongues sing the same praise.

We believe in the reign of God—the day of the Great Fiesta,
when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,
when all peoples will join the joyful banquet,
when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giving thanks with God's people of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, saying Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

A brief silence.

Lord of all creation, we give you thanks for the work of farmers and for granting an abundant harvest. In our excess, turn our hearts towards those who hunger and thirst, and to share in the first fruits you have so freely given. Continue to nourish your good creation, that as trees fall bare and lands go bleak, you would replenish and restore the beauty of all you have made. Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for your rule of peace and justice. Guide the hearts of leaders of nations. May they seek your peace. May they long for your justice that, by your love the hungry may be fed, and the oppressed set free. Place in all our hearts a longing for peace, for an end to war and homelessness, for your feeding life among all people. Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

Merciful God, we thank you for your gift of healing and comfort in the world. We remember especially all those who grieve and suffer the ongoing effects of COVID-19. Lead all who are sick to the healing waters of your mercy. Bless the work of doctors, nurses, and caregivers and through their efforts restore the sick to health, may your healing and comfort rest upon.... Sharla , Debi, Renee, Marion, Arne, Eva, Olai and Suzy, Dave and Trudy, Lyle and Marlene, Olivia, Syd, Pastor Dick and Jan, Corrie, Patrick, Myrna, Klaus, Harriet, Shirley, Eowyn, Lorraine, Catherine, Grace, Lilian, Margaret, Clayton, Montgomery, Rosemary, Landon, Wayne, Elizabeth, and Judy and Ron. Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

God of the Church, we thank you for your church filled and led by the power of your Spirit. We pray for the peace of the Church, that things that divide us would be no more and that we may serve the world as one people in one Lord Jesus Christ. Bless bishops especially Bishops Larry and Susan; strengthen all pastors, teachers and leaders of all denominations that by your grace they might bear faithful witness to the Gospel of your Son. Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

Lord of hope and life, we give you thanks for the gifts of encouragement and financial blessings that you have given us for ministry in this place; for the joy of community and friendship as we pray especially today for Kate & Henrietta. Also for the Missional Church Team.

Grant us a vision of your kingdom, opening eyes to see the needs of others, that we might work together as your hands and feet in the places where we work and live and play. Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of families. We pray for our children and grandchildren, that they may be filled with grace and faith, that they would grow in the knowledge of your love. We pray for families separated and divorced, we pray for estranged siblings who no longer sit at our thanksgiving tables. Feed your people, O God, by your grace and with your love. Restore relationships and open our hearts to one another we pray. Lord you are merciful, **we give our thanks and praise.**

O God of all our hopes and dreams, O God of all our cares and concerns, O God of abundance and life, receive our prayers we pray. For great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God fill your lives with Thanksgiving; your tables with feasting and joy; and your hearts with generosity and praise! In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

SENDING HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (vs 3) ELW #679

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

SENDING

Go in peace, serve Christ, remember the suffering.
Thanks be to God! We will!

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