

# ***Come Before the Lord with Thanksgiving!***

Morrison Zion Lutheran Church

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**Opening Hymn:** Hymn 613      ***“Come, You Thankful People, Come”***

*stand*

**M:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**C:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving

**M:** Let us extol him with music and song.

## **Song of Praise**

***Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord***



You made the hills and the mountains high,  
 You are the God whom we call our own,

*to Refrain*  
 you made the seas and the dry land.  
 we are the flock that you shepherd.

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### Prayer of the Day

**M:** O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** (sung) **Amen**

*be seated*

### The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

The Israelites are to come before the Lord with thanksgiving.

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.

### Psalms of the Day

Psalms 100 (page 104)

### The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

Paul rejoices in the Lord for the Philippians

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.

**Seasonal Response:**

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**Hymn:** Hymn 610

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

**Sermon**

Luke 17:11-19

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."

**Choir Anthem** (Thursday)

*Thank You God* Williams & Lantz

God created ev'rything we see, He made the misty night.

He spoke and there was light. He is the giver, our praise to Him we sing.

God is the giver of ev'ry good thing. He gave us seed to sow.

He gave us minds to know: He is the giver, our praise to Him we sing.

Forest and mountain, swift running river, love overflowing,  
God is the giver. Thank you, God for every good and perfect gift.

God is the one who makes the crops to grow. He makes each bud to flow'r  
With sunshine and with show'r. He is the giver, our praise to Him we sing.

Forest and mountain, swift running river, love overflowing,  
God is the giver. Thank you, God for every good and perfect gift.

## Offering

**Musical Offering** *Give Thanks* Brenda Kuchenbecker & Beverly Leiterman

### **A Thanksgiving Litany** (*remain seated*)

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, that you have led us to know ourselves for what we really are and therefore we say, "Be merciful to me, a sinner."

**C:**           **Before you, God, the Judge of all,  
With grief and shame I humbly fall.  
I see my sins against you, Lord,  
My sins of thought and deed and word.  
They press me sore; to you I flee:  
O God, be merciful to me!** (CW 306:1)

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself into death that we might have life with you forever.

**C:**   **Let us all with gladsome voice, Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son has given  
To this vale of tears he comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**  
(CW 64:1-2)

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of your Word, through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

**C:** **God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.** (CW 293)

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the priceless gift of faith by which we have been made your children and heirs of your kingdom.

**C:            Salvation unto us has come  
              By God's free grace and favor.  
              Good works cannot avert our doom;  
              They help and save us never.  
              Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
              Who did for all the world atone;  
              He is the one Redeemer.**

**All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by his grace  
All glory to his merit!  
O Triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed your saving love;  
Your blessed name be hallowed! (CW 390:1,6)**

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of life and health, money, homes, family, friends, civil peace and protection, and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

**C:            Praise to God, immortal praise,  
              For the love that crowns our days;  
              Bounteous source of ev'ry joy  
              Let thy praise our tongues employ.  
              All to thee, our God, we owe,  
              Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**Peace, prosperity, and health,  
Private bliss and public wealth,  
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,  
True religion's holier beams.  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise. (CW: 612:1,3)**

M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the richness and healing of your comfort when our hearts are heavy and the cross overwhelms us.

**C:            No danger, thirst or hunger,  
              No pain or poverty,  
              No earthly tyrant's anger  
              Shall ever vanquish me.**

**Though earth should break asunder,  
You are my Savior true;  
No fire or sword or thunder  
Shall sever me from you. (CW 419: 6)**

M: For all these and countless other blessings to body and soul which are new to us every morning, we unite our hearts and voices in songs of praise and thanks:

**C: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration. (CW 234: 1)**

*stand*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Luther's Evening Prayer** (Wednesday) *spoken in unison*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Luther's Morning Prayer** (Thursday) *spoken in unison*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

*be seated*

**Closing Hymn:** Hymn 260

***“Let All Things Now Living”***