

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Thanksgiving

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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.

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 tidings we sing.

M: Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

C: **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

M: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; come into his courts with praise.

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 battles we win.

M: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

C: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

M: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

With voices united our praises we offer;

To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, fore’er be praise!

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: **Amen**

be seated

Choir Anthem

We Will Give Thanks (Thursday)

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100 (page 104)

Second Lesson

James 1:16-18

Hymn: Hymn 610

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sermon

Luke 12:24-34

stand

Confession of Faith: Luther’s Explanation of the 1st Article of the Creed

I believe that God made me and every creature, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind 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 that I own, 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.

be seated

Offering

“We Will Give Thanks” Kaitlyn Kuchenbecker (Thursday)

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

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: Amen.

be seated

Closing Hymn: Hymn 260

“Let All Things Now Living”