

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Thanksgiving

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Opening Hymn: CW 615

“We Thank You for Your Blessings”

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

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

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.

Hymn: CW 233

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

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.

Gospel**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.”

Hymn: CW 610*“Now Thank We All Our God”***Sermon****Psalm 100**

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^[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

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.

*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 & Musical Offering**

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A Thanksgiving Litany

The congregational responses of our Thanksgiving Litany were written by Youth Group members in one of our Bible Studies earlier this year.

M: Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, you've made all things. You've graced our world with beauty and delighted us with the intricacies of nature. You've provided for all our physical needs and healed our diseases.

C: **Thank you for providing food for us every day. Thank you for making the right decisions when it comes to our health.**

M: You've united us to our spiritual brothers and sisters who help and encourage us.

C: **Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts and giving us unity of faith. Thank you for the encouragements we get during hard times and good times.**

M: You've given us family and friendships.

C: **Thank you for giving us people who care for us, who help and protect us. Thank you for loving friends and family who support us when we are physically and spiritually down.**

M: You've given us faith and purpose for our lives.

C: **Thank you for opportunities to show our faith and for having a plan for our lives.**

M: You've given us the most precious gift of your Son, our Savior, whom we worship and adore.

C: **We give thanks for the one and only Son that gave his life for us to be forgiven and to live with you forever.**

M: Lead us to live lives of thanks and praise.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

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Closing Hymn: CWS 745

"May the Peace of God"