

Thanksgiving
Lord, Keep us Thankful!

“WHO AM I, SOVEREIGN LORD,
AND WHAT IS MY FAMILY,



THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT
ME THIS FAR?

2 SAMUEL 7:18

November 22 & 23, 2023
Morrison Zion Lutheran Church



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Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we

Gather
around the Gospel
to help people

Grow
in the Gospel
and
Go

with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank
God that you have
joined us at worship
today.

Restrooms are
located in the
basement. Hearing
loop headphones and
Large Print Hymnals
are available from an
usher.

If your children
need to leave worship,
please take them to
the basement. A TV
broadcasts the service
in the basement.

Today we gather
together in the
presence of God. He is
present among us in a
special way through
his Word and
Sacrament. We
acknowledge our sin
and rejoice in the
good news of
forgiveness through
the life and death of
Christ. This is the
focus of our worship.

Thanksgiving

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Opening Hymn

Let All Things Now Living CW 260



1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks-giv - ing:



As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

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.

(sung) **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: Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

C: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet; praise him with the harp and lyre.

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

(sung) **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.**

Confession of Sins

from Psalm 32

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Whose sins are covered.

M: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

C: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

M: For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

C: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

M: and did not cover up my iniquity.

C: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

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.

(sung) **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 WORD

First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:18-22

David admits he is nothing without God and thanks Him for all his blessings. He especially thanks God for the promise of the Messiah coming from his family line.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human!

²⁰ “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord.

²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

²² “How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

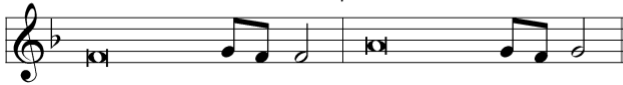
Psalm 100 CW

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

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Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

The Lord is with us and helps us see we can be thankful and have peace and joy in any circumstance.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (NIV)

Seasonal Response

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

Stand



Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

A woman with a sinful past shows her thanks to Jesus. Jesus teaches about forgiveness and being thankful.

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God CW 610



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.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

Sermon

2 Samuel 7:18-22

Stand

Confession of Faith *using Luther's Explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles' 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

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Offering

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Come, let us praise God with joyful hearts.

C: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

M: For the good world, for things great and small, for seen and unseen blessings:

C: We thank you for your goodness, O God.

M: For human life, for common hopes and hardships. For work to do and strength to work:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For marriage; the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared. For the gift of singleness and opportunities to love and serve.

C: We thank you for your blessings, O God.

M: For family; for times together in joy and sadness. For children; for their energy and curiosity, their play and their affection:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For the young; for their high hopes and youthful ways. For growing up and growing older; for wisdom deepened by faith in you and experience:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

C: We thank you, even for hardships, O God.

M: For you Church; for the good news that comes to us through Word and Sacrament; for Christian fellowship:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: Above all, O God, for Jesus Christ, who lived and dies and lives again; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

C: We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. 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 morning only*) *spoken in unison*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. 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 and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn

May the Peace of God CWS 745

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'May the Peace of God'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'I May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -' on the first line, and 'peace which pass - es un - der - stand -' on the second line. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below it, the lyrics are: 'ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en' on the first line, and 'ing, And this grace which makes us what we' on the second line.

Son,
are,

And the fel - low-ship of God the
And this fel - low-ship of his Com-

Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in

Refrain

love.
heart.

And to him be praise for his

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

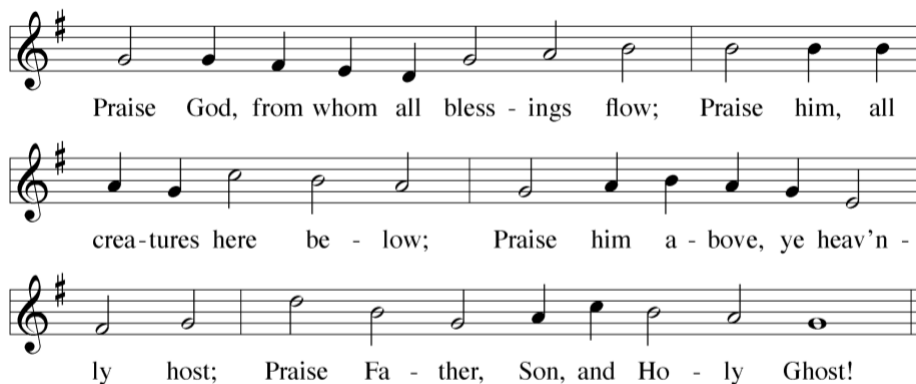
2 May this kings.

Tune: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD (10 9 10 9 and Refrain)
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After closing announcements, we will sing one more hymn.

Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 334



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -". The third staff concludes the melody with a final note and a double bar line. The lyrics are: "ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!".

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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