

# THANKSGIVING

November 25, 2020 – 7 p.m.

**PRELUDE** “Simple Gifts” -arr. J. Wayne Kerr

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” -set. John A. Behnke

*Words for meditation: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790*

*1 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!*

*2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.*

*Have you not seen*

*All that is needful has been*

*Sent by His gracious ordaining?*

*3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.*

*What need or grief*

*Ever has failed of relief?*

*Wings of His mercy did shade you.*

*4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.*

*Ponder anew*

*What the Almighty can do*

*As with His love He befriends you.*

*5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!*

*Let the Amen*

*Sound from His people again;*

*Gladly forever adore Him! Text: Public domain*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING** *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE** *Philippians 4:4-20*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11–19*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **SERMON**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE** “For the Fruits of His Creation” *LSB* 894

*Words for meditation:*

1 For the fruits of His creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev’ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,  
God’s will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God’s will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God’s will is done.

3 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.

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**POSTLUDE** “Now Thank We All Our God” -Paul Manz

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS:** Emmaus members will have the opportunity to contribute towards the cost of sanctuary Christmas decorations. An envelope will be included in Sunday’s bulletin to help defray decoration costs. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

**ADVENT WORSHIP:** This year, we will be doing something a little different for Advent services. We will still offer our Advent services virtually, and we will still be having two services. However, the service part is where things will be different. This year, we will be doing our Advent Services with Bethel Lutheran Church. **Emmaus will host the 11:30 a.m. service, and Bethel will host the 7:00 p.m. service.** Pastors Kooi and Prin will be at both and will alternate preaching and doing the liturgy. It will be the same service at both congregations. We would love to have you join the service that works best for you and your family, whether that is in-person at Emmaus or Bethel, or virtually via YouTube.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND WORSHIP:** Decorating the sanctuary for Christmas will be done by small groups over the week before December 20th. Realizing the uncertain situation with the pandemic, plans are currently in place to celebrate the festival of Christmas on Christmas Eve with one in-person worship opportunity at 5 p.m. and a virtual service sent out ahead of time.

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE:** Your help is needed. The Twin Cities Salvation Army provides toys for thousands of children (ages 0-14) who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Due to COVID-19 and the extreme job losses that many families are facing, it is likely that the need for Christmas assistance will be greater than ever before. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at Emmaus until Sunday, December 6th. Most needed are ethnic-specific toys like dolls and books representing African American, Native American, Hispanic, and Asian cultures. In addition, there is great need for general toys for the following children: Unisex, ages 0-2, Boys 6-9, Girls 10-14, and Boys 10-14. This Christmas season, the Twin Cities Salvation Army has partnered with Walmart to make donating toys even easier. Simply buy toys online from Walmart using this Web link: <https://bit.ly/3m90Bhf> and the gifts will be shipped directly to The Salvation Army's headquarters in Roseville. Purchased toys can also be dropped off at Emmaus. We have already received a Thrivent Action Grant to help start our collection efforts. Please contact Marie G with any questions.

**HATS AND MITTENS:** Starting December 14th the Social Ministries Committee will be collecting hats and mittens/gloves to be distributed to children and youth in Minnesota through the organization Hats and Mittens. New hats and gloves or mittens can be dropped off at Emmaus from December 14<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have received a Thrivent Action Grant to help with this project. Thank you!

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