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REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY AT 6:30PM
SUNDAYS AT 7:45 & 10:15AM



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 23, 2022 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 24, 2022 9:00AM

*Thank you,
Lord!*



Silent prayer:

O heavenly Father, how richly you have provided for me for yet another year! I've lacked nothing – food has been on my table, clothes have been on my back. Yet I find myself worried about the future, or envious of those who have more than I have. Forgive me for my doubts! Remind me this day of all the blessings, physical and spiritual, that you have poured out upon me! Use that understanding to give me a thankful heart, a heart which is focused on you, and which therefore is filled with confidence for the future. In Jesus' name I thankfully pray. Amen.

INVOCATION

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

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

A GATHERING RITE FOR THANKSGIVING

Introduction to the hymn: *Come, You Thankful People, Come* (CW#491).

1 *Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.*

All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.

God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home. (CW#491:1)

M: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

C: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

M: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

C: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

M: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ...

C: **“The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”** (Ps. 92:1-2, 4-5, 12-15)

2 *All the world is God’s own field, Fruit into his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, Onto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.* (CW#491:2)

M: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights who does not change as shifting shadows.

C: **He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.** (James 1:17-18)

M: Yet so often our fruits are infested with sin and our thanksgiving gives way to grumbling. For these and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

3 *For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home.
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.* (CW#491:3)

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

4 *Even so, Lord quickly come To your final harvest-home;
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow free from sin,
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.* (CW#491:4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

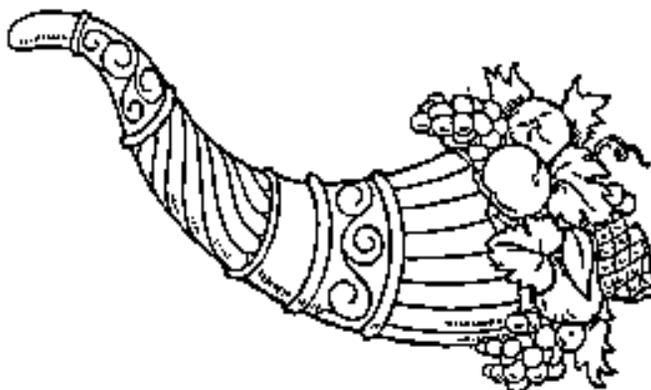
Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (sermon lesson)

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ 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. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ 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.



PSALM OF THE DAY

November 23, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Thanks be to God – sung by St. Paul’s Choir

Based on “For the Fruit of All Creation” by Fred Pratt Green

Choral Setting by Russell Shulz-Widmar

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This hymn is one of many based on Psalm 100 (the assigned psalm for thanksgiving)

- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.*
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.*
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.*

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:10-20

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.



- 1 *Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light.*
- 2 *His law he enforces; The stars in their courses And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing. With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."





1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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OFFERING

During the offering on Thanksgiving Eve, the chime choir will play.

We offer a variety of options as you support the Gospel ministry: Place it in the offering baskets here at church when you worship, mail it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937, drop it off in the "birdhouse" post near the office/school entrance, use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available at the information center, on the table in front of the office, or our website. Contact the office to set it up, or use "Vanco Mobile" found in your smartphone's app store. Search for "North Fond du Lac, WI", and choose St. Paul's. The Church account is for offerings. The School account is for tuition payments.

CONFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYER

Using the words of Martin Luther's Explanations to the articles of the Apostles Creed, we recall God's many blessings and thank Him for them through the words of hymn 484.

Prayer in Song: *Oh that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.* (484:1)

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: With these words we confess that we believe that God created us and all that exists, and that he gave us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears and all our members, our minds and all our abilities. And we believe that God still preserves us by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all we own, and all we need to keep our bodies and lives. God also preserves us by defending us against all danger, guarding and protecting us from all evil. All this God does only because he is our good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because we have earned or deserved it.

C: For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Prayer in Song: *Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender, For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on every side And freely for my use supplied.* (484:2)

ALL: I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: Here we believe and confess that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is our Lord. He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Prayer in Song: *I praise you, Savior, whose compassion Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release, Made me your own, and gave me peace.* (484:3)

ALL: 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.

M: Here we humbly admit that we cannot by our own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called us by the gospel, enlightened us with his gifts, sanctified and kept us in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to us and all believers.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayer in Song: *Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done Is worked by grace divine alone.*

*Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness, Although my cup of woe runs o're?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, Your endless love is ever near.*

(CW 484:4,5)

Special Prayers and Intercession

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen.

- 1 We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev'rything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.*
- 2 This day of great thanksgiving We count them one by one:
Our free and fruitful country, The great things you have done,
Our family, our loved ones, The guardian angels' care,
Our very self and heartbeat-Lord, hear our thankful prayer!*
- 3 But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,
Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
Our life now has full meaning-Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.*



Our Many Thanks for the Blessings of our God on Display in our Services.

We thank those giving of their time and talent in worship, adorning God’s Word with music.

- Becky Miller Organist and Choir Accompanist (6:30 PM)
- Saint Paul’s Senior Choir directed by Kathy Thurow (6:30 PM)
- St. Paul’s Senior Chimes directed by Becky Miller (6:30 PM)
- Trevor Kuphal Organist (9:00 AM)

Upcoming Special Worship Opportunities

Advent by Candlelight	December 6 th at 6:30 PM (<i>treats at 6</i>)	St. Paul’s Fellowship Hall
Joyful Witness Concert	December 9 th at 7:00 PM	St. Paul’s Sanctuary
Joyful Witness Concert	December 10 th at 3:00 PM	St. Paul’s Sanctuary
Children’s Christmas Service	December 18 th at 4:00 PM	St. Paul’s Sanctuary
WLA Christmas Concert	December 20 th at 7:00 PM	WLA Gymnasium
WLA Christmas Concert	December 21 st at 1:00 PM	WLA Gymnasium
Christmas Eve Worship	December 24 th at 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM	St. Paul’s Sanctuary
Christmas Day Worship	December 25 th at 9:00 AM	St. Paul’s Sanctuary
New Year’s Eve Worship	December 31 st at 6:30 PM	St. Paul’s Sanctuary

Should you wish to learn more about St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, School, or Preschool

Please speak to a Pastor following our service or call 920-922-1080 and ask for

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