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# Give Thanks to the Lord!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

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## Trinity Lutheran Church Faith-Filled; Family Focused

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Would you believe that we are safer now, than before? Would you believe that we are richer now, than earlier? Recent events, wars and inflation, might lead you to conclude otherwise. And yet, if you look at the data it shows that is true. Fewer people die per 100,000 than ever before in history. Fewer people starve, per 100,000 than ever before in history. And we are richer than ever before. Just look at the number of possessions you have. It used to be a common occurrence that neighbors would borrow tools from each other. Now we just go out and buy our own tools.

And yet, rather than this superabundance leading to greater thankfulness, sometimes it leads to less. As we look around we can easily become frustrated, thinking, "Why don't I have \_\_\_\_\_?" I don't know that I was ever satisfied with one gift at Christmas, but it does seem like the number of gifts and the expectations have grown. We have a tendency to take God's blessings for granted, don't we? But this is nothing new; nine of the ten lepers didn't even look back. Only one of the ten returned and thanked God. And so it is. But do not let how others take it for granted stifle your thankfulness. Rather, recognize God's blessings and give thanks to him.

May God bless your worship.



# Serving in Worship

Preacher

Pastor

Matthew Langebartels

Organist

Hannah Langebartels

Soloist

Ella Van

Ermen

Ushers

Keith Nosgovitz and Brian

Nosgovitz

## † Order of Service †

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*Greeting and welcome.*

**Hymn**

*626, My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

**1 My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to him who bore my pain,  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again,  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
and clothed me in his light  
and wrote his law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.

**2 My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to him who walks beside,  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fears to fly,  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take,  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.

**3 My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to him who reigns above,  
 whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
 whose ev'ry thought is love.  
 For ev'ry day I have on earth  
 is given by the King.  
 So I will give my life, my all,  
 to love and follow him,  
 to love and follow him.

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*Please Remain Seated.*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. A - - men. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, To sing praise to your name, O Most High; To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, Your". The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, half notes, and rests, along with dynamic markings in boxes: [L] for *Legato* and [G] for *Grazioso*. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across measures.

[L] The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et  
 night and peace at the last. [G] A -  
 - - men. [L] It is good to give thanks to the  
 Lord, [G] To sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
 [L] To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, [G] Your

truth at the close of day. [L] Je - sus, re - mem - ber

me when you come in - to your king - dom.

[G] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -

to your king - dom.

## Confession of Sin

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.**

Amen.

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The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

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.

**Amen**

## **First Lesson**

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

*Rather than taking credit yourself for the good things in your life, give thanks to the Lord!*

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 wilderness, 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 wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and 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 ancestors, as it is today.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 100**

*The verses and the first*

*refrain sung by soloist.*

Verse 1 All people who on earth do dwell,  
Sing out your praise with cheerful voice;  
Be glad in God, whose praise you tell.  
Come, sing to God; let all rejoice.

Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice!  
Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice!  
Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice!  
Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!

Verse 2 For God alone is the Lord, indeed;  
Without our aid God did us make;  
We are God's flock, we now may feed;  
And for God's sheep God does us take.

**Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice!**  
**Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice!**  
**Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice!**  
**Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!**

Verse 3 O enter then God's gates with praise;  
Approach God's courts with shouts of joy;  
Praise, laud, and bless God's name always;  
Let ev'ry voice God's praise employ.

**Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice!**  
**Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice!**

**Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice!**  
**Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!**

Verse 4    Make known the truth that God is good,  
              Whose mercy is forever sure,  
              Whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
              And shall from age to age endure.

**Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice!**  
**Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice!**  
**Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice!**  
**Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!**

## **Second Lesson**

*Philippians 4:10-20*

*Learn the secret of contentment.*

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were 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 all this 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 more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. 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 the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 17:11-19*

*Thanksgiving is not a natural reaction. We often take God's blessing for granted.*

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? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

This is Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*597, Now Thank We All Our God*

**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 mothers' 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.**

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## **Sermon**

Philippians 4:10-20

## **Confidently Content**

## **Friendship Registers & Communion Announcement**

*When filling out the Friendship register for communion, please include those communing on one line, and those not communing on a separate line. Thank you.*



**Offering** (*the offering today will go to WELS Campus Ministry*)

*If you would like to give electronically, please visit [www.trinitycoleman.org](http://www.trinitycoleman.org) and click "Giving."*

*Please stand.*

**[L]** In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **[G]** In - to your

hands I com-mend my spir - it. **[L]** You have re-deemed me, O

Lord, God of truth. **[G]** In - to your hands I com-mend my

spir - it. **[L]** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **[G]** In - to your

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## Prayer of the Church



# The Lord's Prayer

**G** Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Please be seated.*

*Communion is an expression of unity and agreement in faith. We ask if you are not a member of Trinity, please speak with pastor before you publicly express such unity.*

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn**                      *491, Come, You Thankful People, Come*

**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.**

**2 All the world is God's own field,**

**fruit unto his praise to yield;**

**wheat and weeds together sown,**

**unto 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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*506, For the Fruits of His Creation*

**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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*Please stand.*

**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, **G** And guard us sleep -

ing; **L** That a - wake we may watch with Christ, **G** And a -

sleep we may rest in peace.

**G** In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -  
 part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -  
 va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit –  
 bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

*507, Let All Things Now Living*

**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!"

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## **Announcements**

**Today's offering** will go toward WELS Campus Ministry.

Advent Meal Schedule 5 pm meal. 6 pm Worship

November 29<sup>th</sup>- Congregation Potluck

December 3<sup>rd</sup>- Church Council

December 13<sup>th</sup>- Teens, free will offering for the meal will go towards  
the Summer Youth Rally

# **Holiday Worship Services 2023**

**Advent Midweek Worship-  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>  
6 pm, meal at 5 pm**

**Sunday School Christmas Program –  
Dec 17th at 9:30 am**

**Preschool Christmas Program-  
Dec 17th at 3 pm**

**Christmas Eve. Candlelight Service-  
Dec 24th 3 pm and 6 pm, Trinity  
1 pm, St. Matthew's**

**Christmas Day Service-  
Dec 25th at 9:30 am**