



*Give thanks*

TO HIM AND PRAISE  
HIS NAME.

PSALM 100:4

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
Congregation in the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Worship during these times:** We offer distanced seating on one side of the sanctuary. We also encourage compliance for all who are able to wear a face covering to honor God's representatives in our state government. Door handles and pew backs are cleaned between Sunday services. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which should be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

**Communion** is offered in worship each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship during the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

**DVDs:** DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you request one.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.**



# Give Thanks to the Lord

**Today's Focus:** *The roots of the American Thanksgiving holiday go back almost 400 years to an autumn harvest feast celebrated by Plymouth (Massachusetts) colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans. President Lincoln proclaimed it a national holiday during the Civil War in 1863. As people observe this day across the United States, we recognize the one who truly deserves our thanks. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. It is fitting to celebrate this holiday in the house of the LORD during the transition from one church year to the next. Though circumstances change each year, our thanks to the LORD continues the same every year.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Come, You Thankful People, Come* | 613

- 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.**

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### Responses from Psalm 100

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness.

**C: Come before him with joyful songs.**

M: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

**C: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

**C: Give thanks to him and praise his name.**

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

**C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord:

**C: Dear Lord, every day you send us blessing upon blessing, yet we are by nature undeserving and ungrateful. We have hurried after the pleasures of this world and neglected to return to you in praise. We have thrown ourselves into work and retreated from our place at your feet. Our lives should be taken and every good thing torn away from us forever. Lord, have mercy on us!**

M: The Lord has heard and answered our cry for mercy. At the cross, Jesus Christ washed away all our iniquity and cleansed us from our thanklessness. He has brought us back and given us a place in his presence for all eternity. His mercies are new every morning. 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: Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul | 238 v. 1-3*

- 1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name  
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness  
And without praises die.
- 3 'Tis he forgives my sins;  
'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses  
And makes me young again.

## 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: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Philippians 4:10-20*

*Paul learned the secret to thanksgiving and wants to teach us:  
be content in any situation through the One who gives us strength.*

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup>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; <sup>16</sup>for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup>Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## ANTHEM

### *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

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.

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.

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.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

### *Luke 17:11-19*

*Only one man returned in faith to thank Jesus for healing his leprosy.*

<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had

leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him — and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

*Be seated.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* | 609

- 1 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 praises we sing.**
- 2 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.**
- 3 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!**

## **SERMON**

*Philippians 4*

*Learn the Thanksgiving Secret  
Content in Christ - Strong in Christ*

*Please stand.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED - 1ST ARTICLE AND MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION**

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

**M: What does this mean?**

**C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, 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, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, 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.**

### **OFFERING**

*Online giving options available*



In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**M: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.**

**C: God's love is everlasting.**

**M: Come, let us praise God joyfully.**

**C: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

**M: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:**

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

**C: We thank you, O God.**

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

**C: We thank you, O God.**

M: For Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

**C: We praise you, O God.**

M: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

**C: We praise you, O God.**

M: Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; 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.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**C: God's love is everlasting.**

**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.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Now Thank We All Our God* | 610

**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.**

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