

# GIVE thanks

**in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will  
for you in Christ Jesus.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:18**



# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

## *Thanksgiving Worship*

November 24 & 25, A.D. 2021

HYMN (CW 234)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1-3)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when  
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.  
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw  
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has  
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
do As with his love he be - friends you.  
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

## THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

*selected verses from Psalm 65*

**M:** Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

**C: O you who hear our prayer, to you all men will come.**

**(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 praises we sing. (CW 609:1)**

**M:** Those living far away fear your wonders;

**C: Where morning dawns and evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

**M:** You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

**C: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.**

**M:** You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**C: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**

**M:** The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

**C: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**

**(sung) We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you.  
Through life's storm 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. (CW 609:2)**

**M:** Because our God of grace uses his mighty power to rescue us, we humbly approach his throne, penitent for our sins and begging for his full and free forgiveness.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**(sung) Your love you have shown us, your only Son sending,  
Who came as a babe and whose bed was a stall.  
His blest life he gave us and then he died to save us;  
We praise you, Lord our Savior, for your gift to all.**

**M:** When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

**C: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts.**

**M:** We are filled with the good things of your house.

**C: We are filled with the blessings of your holy temple.**

**M:** You answer us, God our Savior, and you save us with awesome deeds of righteousness.

**C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

**M:** You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

**C: You calm the roar of the sea; you calm the peoples' uproar.**

**(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! (CW 609:3)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** 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. (spoken)**

*Be seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

2 Samuel 7:18-22

*<sup>18</sup> Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said:*

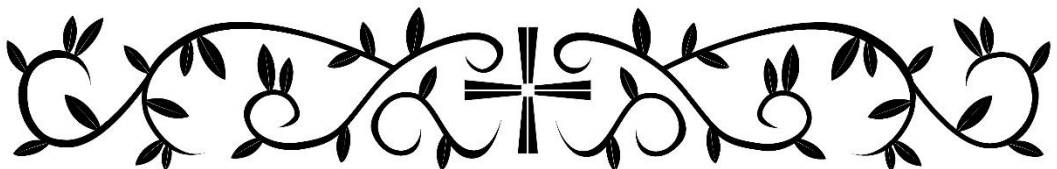
*Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this point? <sup>19</sup> Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken about*

*the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the*

*man, LORD God? <sup>20</sup> What more can David say to you? You know your*

*servant, LORD God. <sup>21</sup> Because of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great thing in order to make your servant aware of it. <sup>22</sup> Therefore,*

*you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.*



## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

*<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 7:36-50

*<sup>36</sup> A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, <sup>38</sup> stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. <sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."*

*<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."*

*He said, "Teacher, say it."*

*<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"*

<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven.”

Then he told him, “You have judged correctly.” <sup>44</sup> Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little.” <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

<sup>49</sup> Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

<sup>50</sup> He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Be seated.

**HYMN (CW 613)**

**Come, You Thankful People, Come**  
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# 613 Come, You Thankful People, Come



1 Come, you thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to his  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his  
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To your fi-nal



har-vest-home. All be safe-ly gath-ered in  
 praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to-geth-er sown,  
 har-vest home; From his field shall in that day  
 har-vest-home; Gath-er all your peo-ple in,



Ere the win-ter storms be-gin. God our mak-er  
 Un-to joy or sor-row grown. First the blade and  
 All of-fens-es purge a-way, Give his an-gels  
 Free from sor-row, free from sin, There, for-ev-er



shall pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied. Come to  
 then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear. Lord of  
 charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the  
 pu-ri-fied, In your gar-ner to a-bide. Come with



God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest-home.  
 har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 fruit-ful ears to store In his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 all your an-gels, come; Raise the glo-rious har-vest-home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–71, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.



**When You Know Jesus is at the Table, it becomes Thanksgiving!**

*Please stand.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH (from Luther's Small Catechism, First Article)**

**C: I believe that God made me and all creatures, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, my senses, 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 my goods, 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. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THANKSGIVING**

**M:** Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We remember your loving kindness and your mercies which are new every day.

**C: We join our voices in grateful praise.**

**M:** For the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; and for the varied joys that every season brings;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the joys and comforts of life; for homes and families; for friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and for the love of those you have put into our lives;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the opportunities you give us to serve others; for the tasks and trials you place before us; and for the comfort we are blessed to bring to those around us;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the gift of Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of sins and justification in your sight that is ours through faith; and for the many and varied ways of living out this faith in our lives;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** For the sure and certain hope of heaven; for the promise that we will one day stand before your throne; and for the unending joy that will be ours when we join our voices with all the saints in your presence;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** Until that glorious day, cause us to live our lives in gratitude to you.

**C: Send us out into the world to daily praise and thank you for all your undeserved blessings. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**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. (spoken)**

## CLOSING HYMN (CW 334)

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
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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### Thanksgiving Worship: Wed. Nov. 24, 6:30 pm: Thurs. Nov. 25, 9:00 am

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist/Pianist: Sharon Freund (Wed.); Kristin Huebner (Thurs.)
- Ushers: Dave Olson and Ben Olson (Wed.); Roger LaGrange (Thurs.)
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck (Wed.)
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller/ Bonnie Punzel

## WELS CHRISTIAN AID AND RELIEF

God has heaped his blessing upon us. We have much for which to be thankful. God's greatest gift to us is salvation through his Son. It is gratitude for God's grace that moves us to reach out to those who are in need and help them with their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. One way we do this together is through the compassion ministry of WELS Christian Aid and Relief. We assist those in need in three ways: by offering relief for those impacted by natural disasters, by supporting humanitarian aid projects in our WELS mission fields both at home and abroad, and by assisting WELS members who are dealing with extreme medical or financial challenges. Your special gifts provide critical assistance to people who are suffering and help to create opportunities to share the precious gospel of our Savior. Thank you!

**Christian Aid and Relief grant totals for fiscal year 20-21:**

**\$1,445,570**



### CURRENT GRANTS

**Domestic relief:** In fiscal year 20-21, \$774,766 was utilized for disaster relief, including \$448,881 in pandemic relief. Disaster relief projects were conducted recently in Midland, Michigan; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Scroggins, Texas.

**Humanitarian aid:** \$515,789 was approved to provide basic needs for people all over the world. Home and world mission fields receiving humanitarian aid grants include Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Albania, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and several home mission congregations.

**Personal grants:** \$275,098 in personal grants was given through our congregations to assist people going through a health or financial crisis.

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