

Thanksgiving

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" LSB 892

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 69:30; 100:4-5

P I will praise the name of God with a song;

C: I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

P: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C: and His faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Psalm 118:1

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to bow before Him in thanksgiving, and to receive Christ's body and blood in His holy Supper, let us first confess before our holy God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We daily fall short of His glory. We can never purify ourselves from our sins. Together, as one family in Jesus Christ, let us seek our Father's cleansing forgiveness.

(In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord.)

P: Together, we pray:

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

P: "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Almighty God in His steadfast love for you 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.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Psalm 104:33

P: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

C: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

P: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

C: When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

P: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” LSB 813

**Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of every good and perfect gift, we give You thanks for all of Your blessings of body and soul. Purify us by Your Word and Spirit that, receiving all You have to give, we may offer our lives in gratitude to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

¹ “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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. ⁷ 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, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING*Philippians 4:6–20*

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” *LSB 782*

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the country in which we live and work, that our land would turn to Christ in praise and thanksgiving for all His blessings and mercies, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings throughout our land!

P: For the Church and her faithful witness throughout the world, that all who serve our Savior may make Him known in word and action, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in Your Church on earth!

P: For all who lead others in our homes and workplaces, that our vocations may be opportunities to serve the One who served us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in our homes and workplaces!

P: For Christ Lutheran Church, that our sharing in the Holy Supper of Christ Jesus may always lead us to praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in the life of our congregation!

P: For all who come to the Lord for healing, that they may experience the healing work of Jesus and always turn to Him in thanksgiving and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of healing us in body and in soul!

P: For these and all other needs we have – both spoken and unspoken – that we may boldly pray as children in the presence of our loving Father, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of answered prayers! Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Most of all, we give thanks for the never-failing love You have shown by sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to bear our sin and be our Savior. He died our death that we might die to sin. He rose from the grave that we might rise each day to praise You. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS.....LSB 906

The musical score for the Sanctus is written on four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "I O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright; This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless, Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess."

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us in this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Bowing before Your throne of grace, we acknowledge that You alone are the source of everything that is good. We taste and see this goodness as You purify our hearts and minds through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI..... **LSB 947**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the



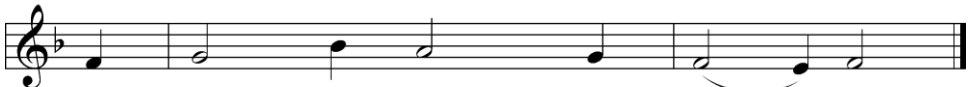
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You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,



All strife - at last has end - ed.
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Father in heaven, that You have purified us from our sin through the gift of Your Son’s body and blood. By Your Spirit, You have been present with us in this Holy Meal. Be present with us now as we depart in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1–10

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

THIS WEEK— (November 27th – December 4th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Music and Meditation Concert, 6:00pm

Tuesday: Home Bible Study, 10:00am

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am;

Confirmation Class 2nd year, 5:00pm;

Confirmation Class 1st year, 6:00pm; CLAY Meeting, 6:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC/ Advent, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 11/20/16)

General Fund: \$3992.49; Building Fund: \$70.00;

Seasonal: \$17.00; Blessings: \$24.38; Memorial: \$155.00;

Youth Group Trip: \$20.00; Miscellaneous: \$55.00

Total Attendance: 137 (Midweek: 28; Sunday: 119)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS on November 27th.

A Concert of Music and Meditation focusing on the coming of our Savior will be held on **Sunday, November 27** here at Christ Lutheran. Hor d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 with the concert beginning at 6:00. A collection will be taken to benefit local outreach.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Advent series will begin on Thursday, December 1st at 6:30pm

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE! They are located on the small table in the narthex. Pick yours up today!

GIVING TREE — This year we are again partnering with *The Women's Community* to provide Christmas gifts for people who are in need. Tags with recipients' ages and gift requests are hanging on the tree in the narthex. Detailed information sheets are located on the table there as well. All gifts must be wrapped and dropped off at church by **Sunday, December 4th**. *The Women's Community* serves the victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault throughout Marathon County. Any assistance that we can give to help them have a merry Christmas is always greatly appreciated.

COME ONE, COME ALL (We'd prefer all)! The Ladies Guild is having a Christmas party for their December meeting and all CLC members and their guests are invited. The date is Tuesday, December 6th. We will start at 5:30pm and dine at 6:00pm. Please RSVP on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall by signing up for a dish to bring and share. Dessert, punch, coffee, and tea will be provided. Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 4th.

HUMAN CARE FOR DECEMBER: The items needed include: instant oatmeal packets, soft breakfast bars, fruit & applesauce cups, peanut butter & jelly, powdered creamer/sugar. Thank you for donating to the Wausau Community Warming Center!

COME & BRING YOUR CAROLING VOICE on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Meet at church at 2:00pm.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“[A]fter our nation has celebrated Thanksgiving, I encourage God’s people to continue with a thankful spirit. We, who have heard the angels tell of God’s Good News of great joy, ought to be rejoicing. We, who have seen the fires of hell and know we don’t have to go there, should continuously praise God who sent His Son to give His life so we might have eternal life. Indeed, for us, contentment and thanksgiving ought to be our regular fare.”
— Rev. Ken Klaus, *Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour”*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)