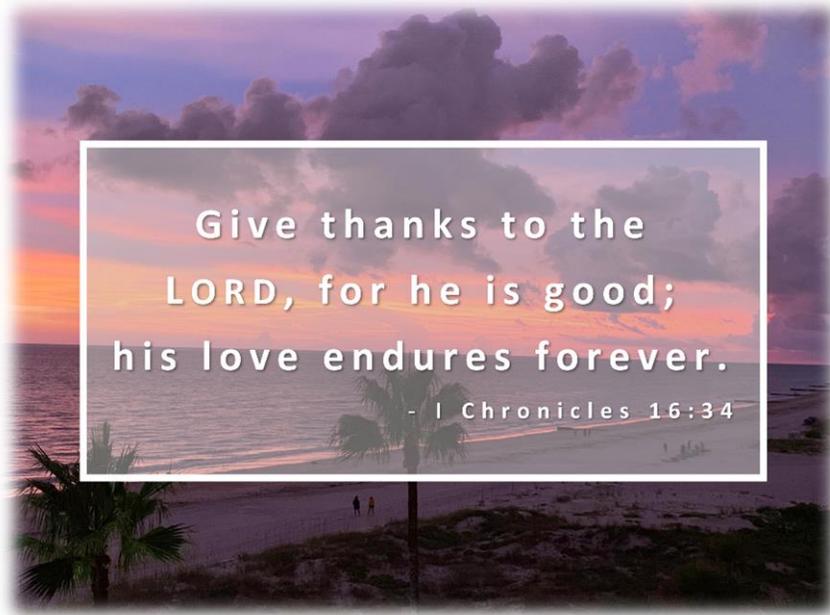


Thanksgiving Eve

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If you'd like to connect with one of our ministers, please don't hesitate to give them a call/text/email at your convenience; they'd consider it a blessing to connect with you. Thanks!

Proclaiming Christ in Pinellas County

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 25, 2021

In the name of Jesus, our Savior & Lord, welcome!
Whether it's your first time with us or Bay Pines is
your church home, we're glad you're here! If you :



- . . . have questions, please ask – we'll do our best to answer;
- . . . need the restrooms, they're in the hallway just off the north-east corner of our sanctuary (so, face altar up front, look back and left);
- . . . can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- . . . would like a call from our staff, they'd love to connect with you!

If you brought young children today, thank you! Please know :

- . . . we love to hear them sing, pray, and speak along, and this is a great setting to help them respond to church, to God, and to one another;
- . . . their wiggles don't bother us (wiggles don't bother Jesus, either);
- . . . you can sit up front where little eyes and ears can see and hear;
- . . . both the men's and women's restrooms have diaper-changing stations, and there's a cry-room adjacent the restrooms as well;
- . . . we love that each of you is here, and we'd be blessed to serve you!

To adore the God of Order in a fitting and orderly way (*1 Corinthians 14:33, 40*), our chapel outline is printed in this booklet. Today, confident in our Savior and thankful for his myriad of blessings to us, we consider the worship theme :

Great Gratitude. Greater God!

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Welcome & Introduction : Pastor Stern

Opening Song : Come, You Thankful People, Come (*RED HYMNAL, 613*)

The Invocation

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : **Amen!**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations (*Psalms 100*).

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter (*Psalms 118:19, 20*).

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation (*Psalm 118:21*).

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever
(*Psalm 118:1*).

You are my God and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Let those who fear the LORD say: ‘His love endures forever.’

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever (*Ps. 118:4*).

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever (*Psalm 118:29*).

The Prayer of the Day

Praise to you, LORD God, maker of all things. You gave us life and breath. You sent your Son to cleanse us from our sin, and your Spirit to make us glad. Thank you for providing us with all that we need to live. Continue to open our hearts to know your grace, and our lips to praise you for it. In Jesus’ name we pray; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever!

Amen!

A Reading and Devotion : I Chronicles 16:7-12, 34-36

That day David first committed to Asaph and his associates this psalm of thanks to the LORD:

⁸ Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ⁹ Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. **¹¹ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.** ¹² Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. ³⁵ Cry out, “Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.” ³⁶ Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Then all the people said **“Amen” and “Praise the LORD.”**

TAKE HOME TRUTH :

The ark of the covenant had been brought back to the Tent; and David wasn't shy to celebrate. How does that event focus our Thanksgiving?

“THANKSGIVING” SEES PAST THE TABLE

Choir Response : Thanksgiving! (BY JOHN NESS BECK)

*For seedtime and harvest and the good will of men,
We give thanks to God the Father once again;
For shelter in winter for the thaw in the spring,
Our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord now we bring.*

*For those we have loved who have gone on before
through that shining bright celestial door;
For all who shall follow in their place, We implore
Thy continuing saving grace.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Video Thanksgiving : Greater God : At Work Abroad

Sung Response : My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

(BLUE HYMNAL, 626; CHOIR WILL SING STANZA 1, THE CONGREGATION STANZAS 2 & 3)

*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, to love and follow him.***

Video Thanksgiving : Greater God : At Work at Home

Sung Response : We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer (RED HYMNAL, 609)

Video Thanksgiving : Greater God : At Work in Hearts

Sung Response : Day by Day (BLUE HYMNAL, 803)



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

The Lord's Prayer and Our 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.

LORD God, you made all things beautiful. For the beauties of Creation and

bounties of the earth; for the orderly procession of night and day for our rest and work; for the seasons that bring blessing and enjoyment, we

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever!

LORD God, you still care to strengthen, sustain, and nourish us. For the daily bread that comes from you; for your grace-enough as it connects to our physical, emotional, relational, occupational, spiritual, and eternal lives, we

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever.

LORD God, you bless us with work to do and your light to reflect. For the joy of using your gifts to us in ways that bring honor and glory to you; for opportunities to love and serve others in love and service for you, we

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever.

LORD God, by your promise, your Son still comes to us in your Word and sacraments. For your giving and forgiving; for listening to our prayers and attending to our needs; for opening your hand to satisfy all our needs, we

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen!

Concluding Benediction

Sisters and brothers, 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.

Amen!

Final Song : Now Thank We All Our God *(RED HYMNAL, 610)*



an in-home devotion for your Thanksgiving Day

Start with Scripture : I Chronicles 30:7-9.

Reread & review this service's devotion Foundation (pg. 5). Then consider:

- Why is it so special the King's prayer is addressed to "the LORD?"
- In what ways is the LORD's answer to this prayer visible around your Thanksgiving table?

Consider the Confession : The Apostles' Creed.

The 1st Article focuses on God's work of Creation & Preservation;
the 2nd on God's gift of his Son & his work of securing our Salvation;
the 3rd on God's work to create & strengthen faith in sinful hearts.

Identify the Article to which the celebration of Thanksgiving primarily belongs. Explain why. How does it connect to others?

Ponder the Petition : The Fourth Petition.

“Give us this day our daily bread”

What does this mean?

God surely gives daily bread even without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What, then, is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and good, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”

Martin Luther wasn't Jesus, and Martin Luther didn't die for our sins. We don't stand on him; we stand with him. Still, consider Luther's "daily bread insights." How does his understanding help to deepen our celebration as we see past our dinner table.

Sing the Song : The Common Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*Please remember, we won't host a formal worship service this Saturday; but we look forward to worshipping together on **Sunday, November 28 at 9:30a!***