

# THANKSGIVING EVE

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church – Tempe

November 25, 2020

7:00p.m.



## *Why Christians Give Thanks*

### **AS WE GATHER**

A Day of National Thanksgiving is an honored tradition in this nation. But thankfulness to God is something that transcends national borders and the boundaries of time. God's people are always thankful people, for they know what great things He has done and continues to do for them. In Martin Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Creed, he states that in response to God's great gifts, it is the Christian's "duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Our worship is one way through which we carry out that joyful duty.

## **PRELUDE**

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” – Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** O God, source and giver of all things. You manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness in the earth about us: We give you honor and glory – for the sun and the rain, for the manifold fruits of our fields, for the increase of our herds and flocks. We thank you, for the enrichment of our souls with divine grace.

Supreme Lord of the harvest, graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil, in union with Jesus, your Son, as atonement for our sins – for the growth of your Church, for peace and love in our homes, and for salvation for all. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **HYMN**

“For the Fruits of His Creation” LSB #894

- 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.**

## **INVOCATION** *(Stand)*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

**People: to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

**People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we live faithfully and with full thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.**

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning, and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.** (Sit)

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

17<sup>th</sup> Cent. English tune Text: Cecil Alexander Tune: ROYAL OAK

**Refrain: (All Sing)**

***All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.***

1 (solo) Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. **Refrain.**

2 (solo) The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. **Refrain.**

3 (solo) The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one. **Refrain.**

4 (solo) God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.  
**Refrain.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 17:11–19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a

Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>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.**

### **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen. (Sit)**

### **SERMON HYMN**

“We Praise You, O God” LSB #785, St. 1-3

- 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 struggles we win.**

**3 With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

**SERMON**

**“Give Thanks To God”**

*Luke 17:11-19*

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY**

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” -Andrae Crouch

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Stand*)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, on this day we thank You for Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You for the Church, asking that the message of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world.

Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who share their faith in countless ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You for the world in which we live and pray for the community of nations. Continue to give us all things needful, and grant that we be good stewards of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You for the gift of our families and everyone in them. Help us be truly thankful not only for the material blessings in our lives but for the people who share our lives with us. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and

our neighborhoods be welcoming sanctuaries for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Today we ask a special blessing on the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. And we remember those whose labor brings food to our tables in this and in every season. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You that Your care embraces all people as we remember those with special concerns and needs including the ill, hospitalized, and those shut-in, [*including . . .*], those who sorrow, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help us to find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need the care and compassion that we can offer them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, in our thankful remembrance we recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant that we be inspired by their faithful witness as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together at Your heavenly throne, giving You eternal thanks and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **LORDS PRAYER**

**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.

### **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.

### **HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God” LSB #895, St. 1-3

- 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 blest 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 blessèd 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.

### **POSTLUDE**

“Now Thank We All Our God” -J. S. Bach

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**ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2020**

<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Midweek Advent 1 Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Second Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Midweek Advent 2 Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Third Sunday in Advent (Casual Service)</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Midweek Advent 3 Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>

**Sundays before Christmas - 9:40 - 10:00 AM Pre-Service Advent**

**Christmas Carol Sing-A-Longs!!**