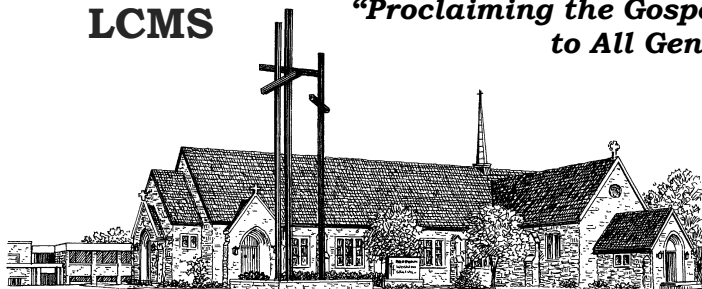


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THANKSGIVING November 26, 2020

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THANKSGIVING FOR WHAT IS GIVEN

Lord, we give You thanks for all that You in Your mercy have given us to be and to do and to have. Deliver us, Lord, from all greed to be and to do and to have anything not in accord with Your holy purposes. Teach us to rest quietly in Your promise to supply, recognizing that if we don’t have it we don’t need it. Teach us to desire Your will—nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Prayer by Elizabeth Elliot (Keep a Quiet Heart)

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Lord of seedtime and of harvest, we thank You for the blessing You grant to the earth in each season. We rejoice in the wonderful richness of the land and in the astounding variety of food it produces to delight and to satisfy us. We ask for one thing more, the willingness to share our blessings, so that all the earth can rejoice in Your generosity. This we ask in the great name of Jesus. Amen.*

THE PRELUDE: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” & “Now Thank We All Our God” – The Redeemer Woodwind-string Ensemble

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 895 - “Now Thank We All Our God”



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers’ arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per-plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav’n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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THE INVOCATION AND OPENING

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C (Congregation): Amen.

P: The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

P: Blessed be God, Who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be His glorious name forever!

P: Praise God in His sanctuary,

C: praise Him all the earth!

THE CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

All: Almighty God, we gather together to thank You for Your mercies, but in the midst of our gratitude we confess our ingratitude and we ask Your forgiveness:

For all the times when we have received Your good gifts and have forgotten to thank You;

For our desires to have more than we either need or deserve;

For our selfishness in refusing to share our prosperity with others;

For our misuse of the resources of Your earth and our poor stewardship of its bounty;

For the neglect of the talents with which we have been endowed and for failing to appreciate the virtues and skills of others.

Forgive us, God of mercy and judgment, through the salvation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: When we confess our sins we are not overwhelmed by God's wrath, for we know He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is the good news and good work of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God who redeems us!

P: Let us remember that the days of our years are fleeting, and in the time He gives us learn to do justly, to love mercy, and to be humble before God and all people.

C: We remember, and we will so do with the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE THANKSGIVING PSALM: Psalm 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

C: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

P: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! (ESV)

All: 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.

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: 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. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

P: The Old Testament Reading for Thanksgiving is from the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy.

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. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord,

C: and You give them their food in due season.

P: You open Your hand

C: and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C: His steadfast love endures forever.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 4:6-20

P: The Epistle is from the 4th chapter of Philippians.

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in

Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

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: (*Spoken*) Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Spoken*) Praise to you, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' 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.

THE ANTHEM: “Come, You Thankful People, Come”
(Bloedow) – Redeemer Bells

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 785 – “We Praise You, O God”



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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THE SERMON

Title: “Why Give Thanks?”

Text: Luke 17:11-19

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks to God our Father through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit for all His gifts saying, **“We thank You, Lord.”**

P: For our redemption by the precious blood of Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, let us give thanks to God:

All: We thank You, Lord.

P: For the holy Christian Church, where God’s Word is proclaimed and His Sacraments are administered, let us give thanks to God:

Men: We thank You, Lord.

P: For our pastors and all church workers as they feed and nurture us in the faith with God’s gracious Word of the forgiveness of our sins, let us give thanks to God:

Women: We thank You, Lord.

P: For the leaders of our nation, state, and city, together with all those in authority, through whom we receive God's gracious protection, let us give thanks to God:

All: We thank You, Lord.

P: For the gift of creation in earth and sky and sea, let us give thanks to God:

Men: We thank You, Lord.

P: For food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, family and friends, let us give thanks to God:

Women: We thank You, Lord.

P: For health and strength to work, and for leisure to rest and play, let us give thanks to God:

All: We thank You, Lord.

P: For God's care and protection upon those who call on Him in any need, for His healing and help to the sick and suffering, for His comfort to those who mourn, and for satisfying the desires of the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed, let us give thanks to God:

Men: We thank You, Lord.

P: For all those who have departed this life steadfast in God's Word and received the crown of life, let us give thanks to God:

Women: We thank You, Lord.

(Special petitions)

P: For all the gifts of God's bounty we ask that we may be made faithful stewards and praise His great and glorious name; through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 CLOSING HYMN: 789 - "Praise and Thanksgiving"



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further bless us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE 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: *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE POSTLUDE: "We Praise You O God" & "For the Beauty of the Earth" – The Redeemer Woodwind-string Ensemble

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

SERVING US TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Liturgist: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Organist: Joe Herl

Bell Choir Director: Tami Kolar

Instrumental Director: Holly Guilford

Chancel Guild: Diann Davis

THANKSGIVING DAY

We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "*man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD*" (Deut. 8:3). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: "*Go and show yourselves to the priests*" (Luke 17:11-19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "*rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.*" So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6-20).

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by:

- ❖ The Jorgensen Family with thanks to God for this Thanksgiving Day which is also Peter's birthday.
- ❖ Dave & Marj Lauer in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary which is on November 26th.



THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God by Ted & Laurie Kessner in honor of their great-grandchildren: Cade, Ella, Cora, Ruby, and Lettie.

THANK OFFERING FOR THE HUNGRY

Our thank-offering of non-perishable food items or monetary gifts is postponed until services resume. At that time, food items can be placed in the appropriate container in the main narthex. Monetary gifts can be included with your regular offerings.

Future Worship Opportunities

Registration is required for all services.

Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, & 16

6:30PM: **Midweek Advent Worship**

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 5 & 6

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 12 & 13

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship**

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship**

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 19 & 20

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Thursday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

2:30PM, 4:30PM, 6:30PM: **Service of Lessons and Carols**

(Registration will be required for Christmas Eve Services)

Friday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

9:00AM: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

(Registration will be required for Christmas Day Service)

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 26 & 27

No Saturday evening worship

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship**

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Thursday, Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve

6:30PM: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 2 & 3

No Saturday evening worship

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

(Installation of the 2021 Church Council at 11:00AM)

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

APLAN FOR 2021
2021 Faith Promise -- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE

Faithful Stewards of God’s Gifts

In response to God’s love for me/us,

- I/we will **worship** regularly and be diligent in the **use of God’s Word and the Sacraments.**
- I/we will **pray** for the mission and ministry of Redeemer and the Church at large.
- I/we will use my/our **time and talents** to serve God and His people.
- I/we plan to **give**... \$ _____ a **week** through my congregation for the work of my Lord; or \$ _____ a **month** through my congregation for the work of my Lord; or \$ _____ a **year** through my congregation for the work of my Lord.
- I/We choose not to make a fixed financial commitment at this time, but I/we will support the Lord’s work through monetary offerings as I/we am/are able.

Name(s): _____ Date: ____/____/____
(Please print)

If you have not already done so, please complete and return a 2021 Faith Promise as soon as possible.
Thank you!