

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 7:00pm

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THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: Hymn Insert

Prayers: Hymn Insert

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 43 443 567 36

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 43 - *“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”*

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

(TLH Pg.41 ff)

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Congregation (Sung): *“And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.”*

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Congregation (Sung): *“Make hast to help me, O Lord.”*

ALL (Sung): *“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen. Hallelujah!”

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

PSALM 100

Pastor: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

Congregation: **Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**

P: Know that the LORD, He *is* God;

C: **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Congregation (Sung): *“Thanks be to God.”*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Congregation (Sung): *“Amen.”*

CLOSING HYMN: 36 - *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

OH, GIVE THANKS

This evening he [Martin Luther] was very joyful. His conversation, his singing, and his thoughts were about the incarnation of Christ, our Savior. Amid his sighs he said, “Ah, what wretched people we are! To think that we are so cold and slothful in our attitude toward this great joy which, after all, happened for us, this great benefaction which is far, far superior to all other works of creation! And yet how hard it is for us to believe, though the good news was preached and sung for us by angels, who are heavenly theologians and have rejoiced in our behalf! Their song is the most glorious. It contains the whole Christian faith. For the *gloria in excelsis*²⁹⁹ is supreme worship. They wish us such worship and they bring it to us in Christ

“Ever since the fall of Adam the world knows neither God nor his creation. It lives altogether outside of the glory of God. Oh, what thoughts man might have had about the fact that God is in all creatures, and so might have reflected on the power and the wisdom of God in even the smallest flowers! Of a truth, who can imagine how God creates, out of the parched soil, such a variety of flowers, such pretty colors, such sweet vernal grass, beyond anything that a painter or apothecary³⁰⁰ could make! Yet God can bring out of the ground such colors as green, yellow, red, blue, brown. Adam and those around him would have been elevated by all this to the praise of God, and they would have made use of all created things with thanksgiving. Now we enjoy all this to overflowing, yet without understanding, like cattle or other beasts trampling the most beautiful blossoms and lilies underfoot.

“For this reason the angels here [in the Christmas story] recall fallen men to faith and love, that is, to glory toward God and peace on earth.”³⁰¹

-- Martin Luther's Table Talk (Volume 54)

299 Latin: “Glory to God in the highest” (Luke 2:14).

300 In the sixteenth century paints were prepared and sold by apothecaries.

301 Cf. Luke 2:14.

THE SERMON:

LUKE 12:13-21

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." ¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸ So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹ "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

TREASURE THE TRUE TREASURE

THE OFFERINGS

In order to minimize contact with the ushers, you are asked to please leave your offerings in the basket on the table in the fellowship hall either before or after worship.

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 441:1-2,6)

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

**And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.**

PRAYER(S)

THE KYRIE (SUNG):

**"Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.us**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 567 - "O Lord, Whose Bounteous Hand Again"

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE (SUNG): "AMEN."

P: We are His people;

C: and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

C: And into His courts with praise.

P: Be thankful to Him,

C: and bless His name.

P: For the LORD is good;

C: His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: For His mercy endures forever. Hallelujah.

ALL (Sung TLH 36:1):

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

ALL (Sung TLH 400:1-4)

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

¹⁴ Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. ¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities.
¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸ Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

All (Sung TLH 400:5-6):

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for Thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

MATTHEW 15:29-39

²⁹ Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰ Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. ³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

All (Sung, TLH 553):

Through the day Thy love hath spared us, Now we lay us down to rest; Through the silent watches guard us, Let no foe our peace molest. Jesus, Thou our Guardian be; Sweet it is to trust in Thee.

Pilgrims here on earth and strangers, Dwelling in the midst of foes, Us and ours preserve from dangers; In Thine arms may we repose And, when life's sad day is past, Rest with Thee in heaven at last.

³² Now Jesus called His disciples to *Himself* and said, **"I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."**

³³ Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"

³⁴ Jesus said to them, **"How many loaves do you have?"** And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."

³⁵ So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples; and the disciples *gave* to the multitude. ³⁷ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. ³⁸ Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.

All (Sung TLH 535:1, 4, 8-9)

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain; For God, the Source of everything, Thy Portion shall remain.

Did not His love and truth and power Watch o'er thy childhood day? Has He not oft in threatening hour Turned dreaded ills away?

His wisdom never plans in vain, Ne'er falters or mistakes; All that His counsels did ordain A happy ending makes.

Upon thy lips, then, lay thy hand And trust His guiding love; Then like a rock thy peace shall stand Here and in heaven above.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION/1ST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe that God has made me with all creatures, giving me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my faculties;

And that He still preserves me; therefore richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, meat 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; defending me against all danger, and guarding and protecting me from all evil;

And all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

For all of which it is my duty to thank and praise, and to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN: 443 - "O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea"

HYMN SHEET

(An effort to reduce the points of contact for the time being.)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 100

A Psalm of Thanksgiving. ¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³
Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we
ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ Enter into
His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful
to Him, *and* bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is*
everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THANKSGIVING

O Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive
exceeding abundantly all good gifts and who daily of pure grace guards
us against all evil, grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that, acknowledging
with our whole heart all this Your goodness, we may now and evermore
thank and praise Your loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

FOR THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new to us every
morning and who, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness,
abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray,
Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful
goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits and serve you in
willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

WE SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

- 1. We sing the almighty power of God, Who bade the mountains rise, Who spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.**
- 2. We sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines, too, at His command, And all the stars obey.**
- 3. We sing the goodness of the Lord, Who fills the earth with food, Who formed His creatures by a word And then pronounced them good.**
- 4. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed Where'er we turn our eyes, Whene'er we view the ground we tread Or gaze upon the skies!**

5. There's not a plant nor flower below But makes Thy glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy throne.

6. On Thee each moment we depend; If Thou withdraw, we die. Oh, may we ne'er that God offend Who is forever nigh! Amen.

HYMN O LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND SEA

1. O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, To Thee all praise and glory be. How shall we show our love to Thee, Who givest all?

2. The golden sunshine, vernal air, Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare. When harvests ripen, Thou art there, Who givest all.

3. For peaceful homes and healthful days, For all the blessings earth displays, We owe Thee thankfulness and praise, Who givest all.

4. Thou didst not spare Thine only Son, But gav'st Him for a world undone, And freely with that Blessed One Thou givest all.

5. Thou giv'st the Spirit's holy dower, Spirit of Life and Love and Power, And dost His sevenfold graces shower Upon us all.

6. For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven, For means of grace and hopes of heaven, What can to Thee, O Lord, be given Who givest all?

7. We lose what on ourselves we spend; We have as treasure without end Whatever Lord, to Thee we lend, Who givest all;

8. To Thee, from whom we all derive Our life, our gifts, our power to give. Oh, may we ever with Thee live, Who givest all! Amen.

OFFERING HYMN WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

HYMN O LORD, WHOSE BOUNTEOUS HAND AGAIN

1. O Lord, whose bounteous hand again Hath poured Thy gifts in plenty down, Who all, creation dost sustain And all the earth with goodness crown, Lord of the harvest, here we own Our joy to be Thy gift alone.

2. Oh, may we ne'er with thankless heart Forget from whom our blessings flow! Still, Lord, Thy heavenly grace impart; Still teach us what to Thee we owe. Lord, may our lives with fruit divine Return Thy care and prove us Thine.

3. Lord, grant that we who sow to Thee With joy in endless life may reap. Of every heart the Guardian be; By day and night Thy servants keep That all to Thee may joy afford On Thy great harvest-day, O Lord. Amen.

HYMN NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed 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 blessed 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 heaven adore! For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore. Amen.