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### W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
10:30am - Contemporary

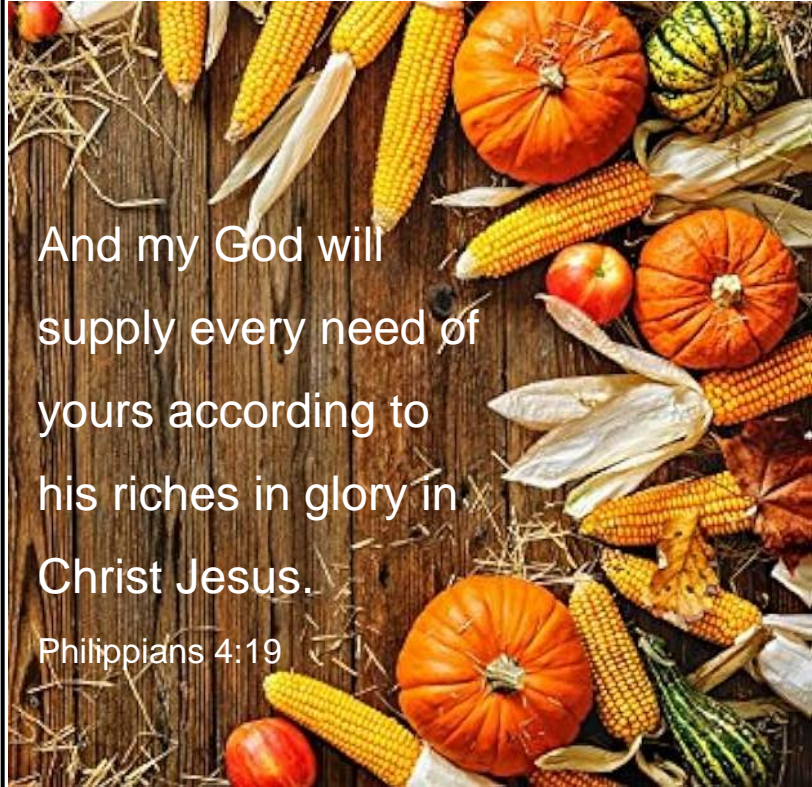
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*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

**Thanksgiving**  
November 22, 2023  
10:00 AM  
6:30 PM



## WHERE ARE THE NINE?

### AS WE GATHER

In Luke 17, we hear the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a despised Samaritan. Jesus did not take back His healing of the nine, despite their seeming lack of gratitude. He simply exclaimed, "Where are the nine?" None of us can claim to have never been with the nine. Our National Day of Thanksgiving reminds us all that we take so much for granted and that our lives are not always lived in thankfulness and gratitude to God. Yet that does not stop Jesus from loving us, forgiving our sins by His cross, dying and rising for us, and giving us the power of His Spirit to, however imperfectly, express thanks to God.

### + PREPARATION +

#### 966 BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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## INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:1–4*

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

Congregation **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader Let Israel say,

Congregation **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader Let the house of Aaron say,

Congregation **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader Let those who fear the LORD say,

Congregation **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God’s good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God’s re-creating word of forgiveness.

Congregation **We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. And like the nine lepers, we fail to thank You as we should.**

Leader Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!**

**+ WORD +**

## INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30*

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

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

Leader These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.  
**Congregation When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

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

**Congregation 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.**

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

## 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, Blos - som 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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## SALUTATION

Leader The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Let us pray.

For Your goodness and mercy to us, O Lord,

**Congregation we give You thanks.**

Leader For forgiving our sins through Christ,  
**Congregation we give You thanks.**

Leader For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,  
**Congregation we give You thanks.**

Leader Guide us to live each day in gratitude to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **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.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** *Psalms 67*

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

**Congregation that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.**

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**Congregation Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**Congregation The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

Leader God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 17:11-19

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

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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] 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."

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**WELCOME CARDS/PRAYER REQUESTS** *We ask all who are present today to please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.*

**OFFERING** <https://faithlutheranlacey.breezechms.com/give/online>  
or text to give, 360-732-8020.

**806 GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART**

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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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## **EPISTLE**      *Philippians 4:6–20*

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader            This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation    Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Let us return thanks to the Lord, for all the good and perfect gifts He has given us, and let us pray for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, You have given us abundant earthly blessings. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we thank You for the food and drink that will be on our tables this day and every day. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, provide for all those who do not know from where their next meal is coming. Strengthen them with Your presence and raise up people who will have mercy upon them. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, thank You for the gifts of our clothing and shoes, house and home, and all our fiscal resources. Give hope to the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help them to rely on You in these challenging times. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, thank You for the gift of families and friends. Thank You for our communities of faith. Thank You for the opportunity to gather with the ones we love. Protect all who are traveling for the holiday, and strengthen those who cannot be with family and friends today. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, thank You for the government and those who are in authority over us. Bless them with wisdom and compassion. Lead them where You want them to go. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, thank You for taking care of Your creation. Help us and all people who are stewards of this planet to make wise choices to care for all You have given us. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, thank You for the gift of health and long life. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His mercy endures forever.**

Leader Lord, thank You for the gift of good friends and faithful neighbors. Be with all those who are lonely, those who have moved to a new place, and those who are struggling to find community. Bring them the joys of fellowship with

others who return thanks to You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation** for His mercy endures forever.

Leader Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation** 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

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us

**Congregation** and make His face to shine upon us.

Leader 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.

**Congregation** Amen.

## 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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