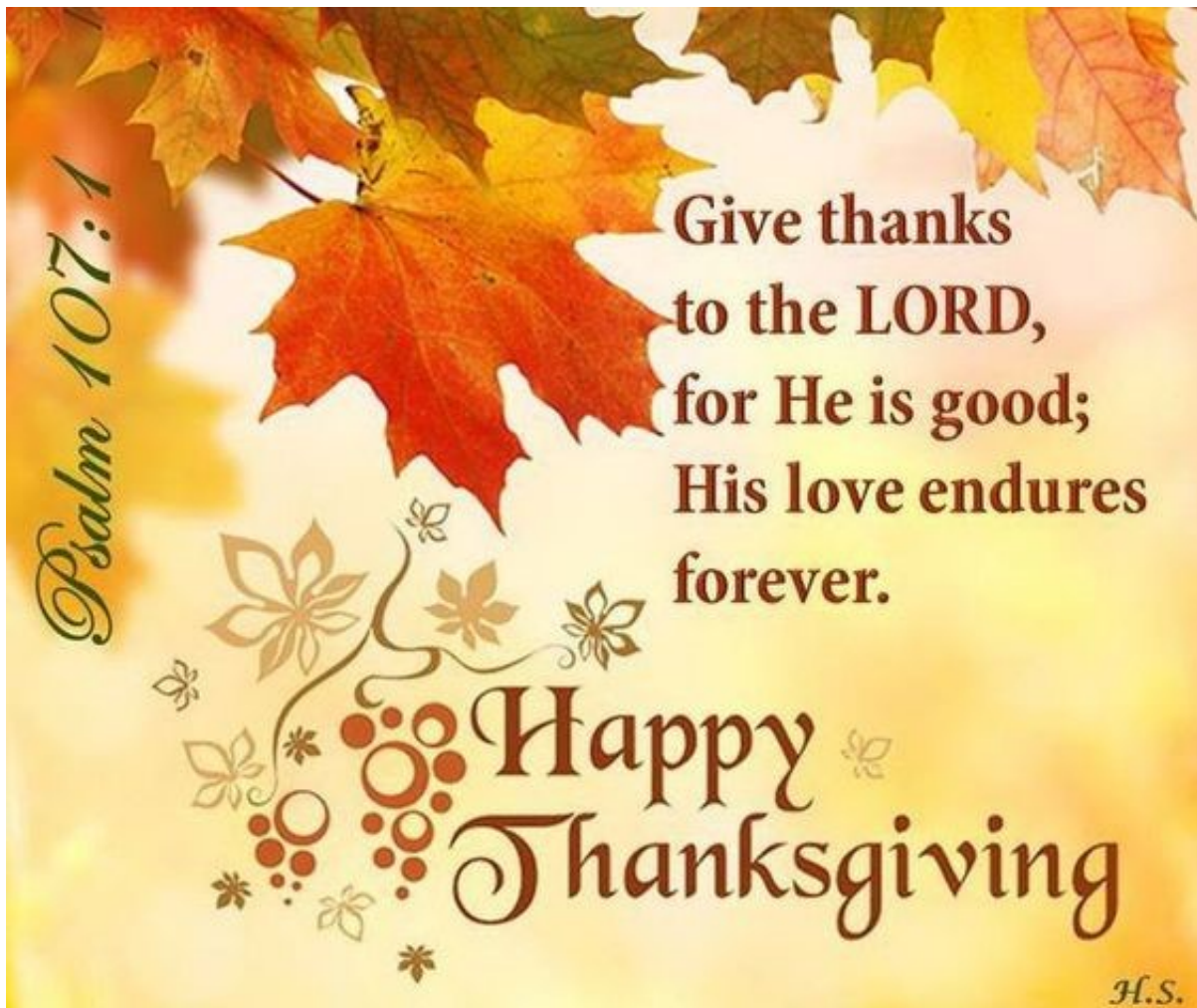




St. Paul Lutheran Church and School
Thanksgiving Eve and Day
November 22, 2023 & November 23, 2023



EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to Live Rooted
in JESUS

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

WELCOME! Guests: We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Holy Communion is celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third, and fifth weekends of the month.

Parents with Children:

Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. A Quiet Room is in the back of church.

Worship Volunteers: Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups (Future Acolytes, PowerPoint Live-stream help)

Traditional Worship

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am
Sunday 11am
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

Sunday 9:30am

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
Director of Christian Ed: Tracy Krueger

Traditional Worship Services: Wednesday 4:30pm & Thursday 9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Offerings may be placed in collection box/ near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the hymn before the sermon)

OPENING HYMN "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:1-4*

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

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let Israel say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: Let those who fear the LORD say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789, St. 1 & 3

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. For Your goodness and mercy to us, O Lord,

People: we give You thanks.

Pastor: For forgiving our sins through Christ,

People: we give You thanks.

Pastor: For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,

People: we give You thanks.

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

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (4:30pm) "Great is Thy Faithfulness," Male Choir
(9:30am) "A New Song," Mixed Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Moses calls on the Israelites to bless God for His faithfulness. (Holy Bible p. 194)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 67*

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

People: that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

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

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

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

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

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

EPISTLE LESSON *Philippians 4:6–20 Paul encourages the Philippians to pray and give thanks to the God who sustains them in all troubles. (Holy Bible p. 1250)*

Pastor: This the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *Psalm 136:1*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11-19 Jesus generously heals ten lepers. A Samaritan is the only one who thanks Him. (Holy Bible p. 1114)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Praise You, O God"

LSB 785

SERMON "Unconditional Thanksgiving," by Pastor Schultz based on Luke 17:11-19.

EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

People: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

Pastor: He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

People: All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Filled with gratitude for all of God's mercy and provision, let us pray for the Church, for our nation, for our local community, and for our own needs, filled with thanksgiving that Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. For the Church throughout the world,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the pastors, teachers, and all church workers of our Synod,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For missionaries far away and in difficult circumstances in our own nation,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the elected leaders of our nation, state, and local community,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For doctors and nurses, fire fighters and police officers, construction and restaurant workers, teachers and counselors, and everyone else who contributes to the well-being of our community,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For Your presence with those who are sick, dying, or mourning,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the people in our lives who love us and those we are called to love—families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For safe travel for those gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving Day,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the ongoing generosity of this congregation, which provides Word and Sacrament ministry, Christ-centered community, and service to our neighbors,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the life and witness of those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from their labors eternally in the arms of Jesus,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: We entrust our prayers to You, gracious Father, who with Your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit reign forever as God of all.

People: Amen.

LORD'S 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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895

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Contemporary Worship Service: Wednesday 6:30pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Come & Listen"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INVOCATION AND PRAYER

OPENING SONGS "How Great Is Our God;"
"Evidence"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG "Gratitude"

WORD OF GOD Deuteronomy 8:1-10
(Holy Bible p. 194)

EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED *(see screens)*

SONG "Goodness of God"

WORD OF GOD Luke 17:11-19 (Holy Bible p. 1114)

SERMON "Unconditional Thanksgiving," by Pastor Schultz based on Luke 17:11-19.

COMMUNAL PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Indescribable"

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