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## Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 11-25-2020

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Seymour, Indiana

## THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25, 2020

**Welcome to Worship!** Around the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, we all have hopes and fantasies of the perfect day. But alongside those fantasies are also the realities. Sometimes the realities are trivial and easily overcome: a dry turkey or wet stuffing. Sometimes the realities are much more challenging: loss of loved ones, the inability to get together this season, and the challenge of knowing where we fit within our families. For many, thanksgiving can be a time of alienation and estrangement. In our Gospel reading, we encounter several individuals who knew what it was like to feel alienated and estranged: the ten lepers. Yet Jesus at his all-powerful word restores those ten lepers to themselves, to their neighbor and their families, and to the gifts of the creation. What God does for those ten lepers He also does for you: Jesus restores you to yourself, your neighbor and your families, and to the gifts of the creation! Happy thanksgiving! "Rise and go on your way, your faith has made you well!"

**Hearing Devices** are available from an usher.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "We Praise You, O God" – M Burkhardt

**THE HYMN:** "We Praise You, O God"

Hymn 785

- 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!

**THE OPENING RESPONSES:** Page 229

- L O Lord, open my lips,  
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
C **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.**

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

**THE RESPONSIVE READING (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 upon 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 fairness, and guide the nations on 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 has blessed us.**

*P: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth worship him!*

**C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (Page 152)**

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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**+++ SPECIAL MUSIC: "All Good Things" - Natalie Sleeth**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:6-20 (Page 982)**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19** (Page 876)

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

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE COMMON RESPONSORY: Page 230**

L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

**C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

**C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**THE HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**Hymn 892**

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

**THE SERMON: "The Restoration of Jesus"**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (Choir only vs.2)**

**Hymn 893**

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.
  
- 2 *God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.*
  
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

**THE KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, and COLLECTS: Page 233**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**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.**

**Salutation**

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And with your spirit.**

**THE BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: Page 234**

**Benedicamus**

**L Let us bless the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

**P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.**

**C Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**Hymn 895**

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 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 heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**THE POSTLUDE: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" - N. Raabe**

**Preacher:** Vicar Fredstrom **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch & Pastor Blomenberg

**Lector:** Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Special Music:** Brass and Woodwind Ensembles, Adult Choir, Youth Choir

**Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Gordon Kovener, Troy Hehman, Nathan Nichols,  
Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan  
Williams, Caleb Williams, David Pollert **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Gary Darlage,  
Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper **Audio/Video:** Kevin Foster

**Join us in celebrating Advent in worship on Sundays and Wednesdays.** Wednesday  
worship will be at 4:30 and 7:00 pm on December 2, 9, 16, 23. Our youth will serve  
cookies in between services and an Advent Hope and Healing Activity Kit will be  
available for the children to take home.

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