



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

November 27, 2024 – 7:00pm

November 28, 2024 – 10:00am

Today in Worship

- On this day of national Thanksgiving, God invites us on a journey of giving thanks. Amidst the busyness of our daily lives, there are times when we are like the nine, who, healed as they were, simply did not return and give thanks to Jesus. The despised Samaritan, an outsider entirely, serves to remind us that real gratitude often comes from some of the least likely people. Most of all, Luke 17 reminds us of the Good News— God telling us that we are indeed broken but that He promises to continue being His good and gracious self. God’s generosity to us knows no bounds. Thanks be to God!

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #892

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Invocation & Sentences

Psalm 118:1-4

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

- P** Let Israel say,
C **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- P** Let the house of Aaron say,
C **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- P** Let those who fear the LORD say,
C **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Confession & Absolution

1 Timothy 2:1, 4

- P** Today is Thanksgiving, a day we set aside as a nation to give thanks to our God who graciously gives us all things. In one of Paul’s letters to Timothy, he urges that “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” For each one of us there are people we struggle to be thankful for.
C **We confess our struggles and our sins to God, seeking His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.**

Silence for personal confession

- P** God created this world and everything in it, including all of the people who live in it. According to God’s gracious will, He “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Here’s the truth: God loves the people of this world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. By the command of Christ and through the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

- P** May He who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

Greeting of Peace

Having now heard God's peace given to us in the words of Absolution, let us continue and greet one another in the Peace of Christ.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #806
"Give Thanks"*

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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

C we give You thanks.

P For forgiving our sins through Christ,

C we give You thanks.

P For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,

C we give You thanks.

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

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book #894
"For the Fruits of His Creation"*

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"A call to remember the goodness of the Lord."

L The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter eight.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:6-20

“Doing everything with thanksgiving to God.”

L The Epistle Reading is from Philippians, chapter four.

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

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

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

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

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Psalm 136:1

P Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C **for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

“One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #785

“We Praise You, O God”

Sermon

The Apostles Creed – 1st Article

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

L What does this mean?

C **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.**

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

Offering

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

We encourage you to place your offering in the drop box in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

Offertory Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #789, v. 1
“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

C **for food, health, clothing, and our homes.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for the many freedoms we enjoy in this land.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for safe travel for all those gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for leaders, teachers, preachers, family, and friends.**

P Thank You, Lord,
C for the gifts You give to Your Church,

P Thank You, Lord,
C for the life and witness of all the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest from their labors eternally in the arms of Jesus.

P Thank You, Lord,
C for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.

Silence for giving thanks to God

P Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your kingdom.

C Thanks be to God. Amen!

Lord's Prayer

The Closing Prayer

P Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #895
"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*Want to write some notes down?
The following pages are free to
take notes.*



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Bible Studies & Sunday School: 9:15 am

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Worship Service: 7:00 pm

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Tuesday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Church Office Closed