

October 8, 2023

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Day of Thanksgiving

FIRST READING. Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in 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 where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

GOSPEL. Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, 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 made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'



Sunday, October 8, 2023

"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Order of Worship

This morning's Order of Worship is located in ***With One Voice*** (WOV), and the hymns are located in the ***Hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship*** (ELW).

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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Opening Dialogue

Written by Lorraine Reinhardt for "Where Two or Three are Gathered" a worship resource from the ELCIC.

God of our morning, noon and night,
We bless you.

God of sowing and harvest, God of plenty and of want,
We bless you.

God of the earth, God of the universe,
We bless you.

God of the dry land, God of the waters that cover the earth,
We bless you.

God of abundance, God of those in need,
We bless you.

Come to us now, O God. Teach us through your Word, inspire us in song and prayer to see you and hear you in all of life.
Amen.

Offering Prayer (read in unison)

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God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 65 – Tune: 870 We Praise You, O God (Kremser)

Reader: Praise is due to you, O God; and to you shall vows be performed.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

Happy are those whom you choose, whom you bring to live in your sanctuary. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation. You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you;
Through trial and tempest our Guide you have been.

You calm the roaring of the seas and the noise of the waves; you calm the uproar of the peoples. The whole world stands in awe of the great things you have done.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

You send abundant rain on the plowed fields and soak them with water; you soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow. You crown the year with your bounty.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Have you ever wondered how to contact Pastor Bart? You are welcome to call or text his cell: 289-821-9025, or email: bartsterc@gmail.com.

We share Pastor Bart's time with First Lutheran, and he dedicates Wednesday and Thursday for St. Matthew's, Tuesday and Friday for First Lutheran, and Sunday for both congregations.

Whether you have a prayer request, would like to schedule a visit, or simply want to chat, he's happy to hear from you!

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Prelude and Announcements

Welcoming Hymn 845, v1

GATHERING

Reading of Land Acknowledgement

Opening Dialogue printed

Gathering Song ELW 694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Greeting WOV Page 28

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65 printed in bulletin

Gospel Acclamation WOV Page 31

"Glory to you, O Lord."

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

"Praise to you, O Christ."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 829 Have You Thanked the Lord?

Prayers of the Church

(includes sharing of gratitude)

Peace (non-contact gestures)

MEAL

Offertory Song WOV Page 35

Offering Prayer printed

Great Thanksgiving WOV Page 36

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer WOV Page 39

Communion

"Lamb of God" WOV Page 39

Communion Hymns ELW 733, 879

Canticle after Communion WOV Page 40

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song ELW 881 Let All Things Now Living

Dismissal: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Response: Thanks be to God.