

October 13, 2024

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Thanksgiving

*FIRST READING* Genesis 2:18-24 Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

*SECOND READING* - Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS God Has Spoken by His Son So Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Exaltation through Abasement. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.’ Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, ‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

*Mark 10:2-16* Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’ Jesus Blesses Little Children - People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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# Service of Thanksgiving Sunday October 13, 2024

“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 and we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. 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 the located in the *Hymnal Supplement*, 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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Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Look, here is water!  
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!  
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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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 8 – Hymn Tune ELW #632	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Melody St. Anne CM
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O Lord, our Lord, how excellent  
In all the earth your name!

Reader: Your praise reaches up to the heavens; it is sung by children and babies. You are safe and secure from all your enemies; no one opposes you.

Your glory fills the firmament;  
The heav'ns your praise proclaim.

When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in their places--what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mere mortals that you care for us?

Your glory fills the firmament;  
The heav'ns your praise proclaim.

Yet you have crowned us with glory and honor and given us mastery over all that you made. Sheep and oxen, birds and

fish, even wild animals and the creatures in the seas--you placed us over them all.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent  
In all the earth your name!

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Dates to Remember

October 27 - Church Council Meeting after the service

Reformation Sunday is October 27

If anyone would like to hear music which our Church will feature on December 15<sup>th</sup> Acaciawood are performing on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Glenridge Bible Church, 310 Scott Street in St. Catharines at 6 pm

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**SENDING**

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Blessing

Sending Song .....ELW #678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**