

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Worship - November 22 & 23, 2017**

A Celebration of Word and Song

*Welcome to our Thanksgiving worship.
May the Lord deepen your appreciation of His eternal salvation and all
other blessings that also are only due to His grace. Let's ask Him to
recommit our hearts to thankful living to His glory!*

ENCOURAGEMENT: *(selected verses from the Psalms)*

P: The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food at the proper time.
C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name.
C: Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits.

P: We Praise You O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *"For the Fruit of His Creation" #611*

CONFESSION OF SINS:

P: On this day rich in memories and evidence of the many blessings God provides and continues to provide, it is only proper that we first remember our own failure to acknowledge Him who is the giver of every good gift. "Heavenly Father, we come to you who know all our ways and thoughts. You command us to thank and honor you. We must admit, our thankfulness has often been shallow or nonexistent. Our hearts have been cold and selfish, for this is our nature. We have forgotten your benefits. We must join the Psalmist in saying,

C: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from my sins. Create in me a pure heart, O God. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."

ABSOLUTION:

P: The Lord our gracious Father has forgiven all your sins through the death of his one and only Son. With Jesus' resurrection from death the Father has given you the hope of everlasting life. He promises, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Go now and leave your sinful ways and live a life marked by gratitude for God's forgiveness. Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

HYMN: *Sung to the tune of Hymn #611*

*For God's grace that falls upon us, Thanks be to God!
For the sacrifice of Jesus, Thanks be to God!
For forgiveness, peace and heaven For our shelter and safe haven
All is ours by his grace and mercy, Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Dear Father, with an open and generous hand you give this world what it needs. We thank you for blessing us and permitting us to harvest the fruits of this earth. Your goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Thank you, Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: *(see insert)*

SELECTED VERSES

PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 100 (pg 104)

SECOND READING: *(see insert)*

I Timothy 2:1-6

HYMN:

"How Can I Thank You Lord" #460 (stanzas 1 & 2)

THANKSGIVING GOSPEL: *(see insert)*

Luke 17:11-19

HYMN:

"How Can I Thank You Lord" #460 (stanzas 3 - 5)

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE:

Ephesians 5:19,20

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Thanks a Lot!"

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN

Sung to the tune of Hymn #611

***For the skills that earn a living, Thanks be to God!
For the privilege of giving, Thanks be to God!
For the strength the Word supplying, For the Harvest Hope in dying,
All is our by his grace and mercy Thanks be to God!***

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - "The Nation"

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

HYMN:

"God Bless Our Native Land" #619

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES - WITH A SPOKEN "AMEN"

BLESSING:

P: May Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

C: Amen. O Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good!

CLOSING HYMN:

"Now Thank We All our God" # 610

*Thank you to our Thanksgiving organist, Lynn Jungen
and to our guest musician on Thursday morning, Ashley Liby.*



Mark your calendars for these early December events!

- Living Nativities (see flyers on red display table for more details):
 - ♦ Two Rivers: Saturday, Dec 2 from 4:30 - 7:30pm
 - ♦ Howards Grove: Fri & Sat, Dec 1 & 2 from 6-9pm / Sun, Dec 3 from 4-7pm
- Lakeshore Lutheran Choral Concerts:
 - ♦ Saturday, Dec 9 at St Peter's Mishicot, 3:00pm
 - ♦ Sunday, Dec 10 at Immanuel, 3:00pm
- Midweek Advent Worship Services with meals between services:
 - ♦ Wednesday, Dec 6 - *Potluck supper see sign up sheet to bring food or to help*
 - ♦ Wednesday, Dec 13 & 20 - supper provided each week
- Ladies "Advent by Candlelight": Sunday, Dec 10 - Fellowship hall doors open at 2:00pm
- Open Forums: Sunday, Dec 10 between services & Monday, Dec 11 following worship
- Voter's Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 12, 6:30pm

Reminders:

- Poinsettia Donations (\$5 per plant): *Sign up deadline - Monday, Dec 4*
- Gifts donations for residents of the Manitowoc Health Care Center - pick up a list of suggested items on the red display table - *Deadline for unwrapped donations is Mon, Dec 6*
- Church decorating will be on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00am - can you help?



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“Oh may we never with thankless heart Forget from whom our blessings flow!
Still, Lord, your heavenly grace impart Still teach us what to you we owe
Lord, may our lives forever be To you be offered thankfully!”

**Thanksgiving 2017 Worship:
Wednesday, November 22 @ 6:30pm
Thursday, November 23 @ 9:30am**

**FIRST LESSON RESONSIVE READING:
Psalm 107, Ecclesiastes 7, Job 1, Proverbs 30**

P: Give thanks to the Lord , for he is good;

C: *his love endures forever.*

P: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

C: *and he delivered them from their distress.*

P: He sent forth his word and healed them:

C: *he rescued them from the grave.*

P: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

C: *and his wonderful deeds for men.*

P: Let them sacrifice thank offerings

C: *and tell of his works with song of joy.*

P: Give me neither poverty nor riches,

C: *but give me only my daily bread.*

P: *Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'*

C: *Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.*

P: When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider:

C: *God has made the one as well as the other.*

All: *The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.*

SECOND LESSON: I Timothy 2:1-6

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Please join us for our
Children's Christmas Programs
at Grace in December



**Jesus' Lambs of Grace
Christmas Program
Friday, December 15th
at 10:30am**

Lunch will be served following the program.
All are welcome to join us and share in the festivities!



**Grace Sunday School
Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17th
at 10:45am**

Practice Schedule:

- ◆ **Sunday, December 3, 10 & 17 during our Sunday School time between services**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 16 - time to be determined**

Please make every effort to have your child here for these practices.