

**Hymn #616: "Feed Your Children, God Most Holy"**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE: "A Thanksgiving Recipe in Christ Jesus!"**

**Thanksgiving Confession: Martin Luther's Explanation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Article**

*I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.*

*And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.*

*All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.*

**Offering—please sign our friendship register.**

**Thanksgiving Prayer of the Church - The Nation, page 130**

**Lord's Prayer—traditional**

**Hymn #619: "God Bless Our Native Land"**

**Thanksgiving Closing Prayer**

**Blessing - with a spoken "Amen"**

**Hymn #611: "For the Fruit of His Creation"**

*We thank the Lord for the service of our pianist, Amibeth Olderman.*

A thanksgiving welcome to our Guests. It's so wonderful to have you with us! We pray that God's message of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ has encouraged your trust in Him and deepened your commitment to thankfully serve Him.

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**The Pearson family would like to thank everyone that helped in any way with Don's funeral** and who were there for moral support. They are especially grateful to all of the ladies that helped in the kitchen, and to everyone that helped with setting up and taking down of all the tables & chairs for the meal.

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**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

Thanksgiving 2018 Services: Wed, Nov 21, 6:30pm & Thu, Nov 22, 9:30am

Welcome to our Thanksgiving divine service. Our national celebration of thanksgiving is rich in history and tradition, and is also to be rich in humble thanks to God for His many blessings. As Christians, we remember our own individual status as pilgrims, not claiming ownership of this earth, but just passing through by grace toward our final destination. What we claim now and forever is due to God's forgiving claim on us through Jesus Christ.

**Opening Hymn #610: “Now Thank We All our God”**

**Invocation – spoken “Amen”**

**Thanksgiving Confession**

Heavenly Father, when you open your hand, you satisfy the desires of every living thing. Today we remember the gifts you provide for us. Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings.

***We must confess we don’t deserve your kindness.***

***We have not loved as you love us.***

***We are greedy and ungrateful.***

***We complain and we worry.***

***Forgive us for these and all our sins in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.***

**Thanksgiving Absolution**

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus willingly assumed our life under God’s law. The almighty Son of God became poor that we through his poverty might be rich. He lived a holy, humble, contented life entrusting Himself to his Father’s care. He willingly suffered and died on a cross to pay for all our sins and the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: “Amen.”**

**Hymn Response #609: “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”**

***We Praise you O God our Redeemer Creator!***

***In grateful devotion our tribute we bring***

***We lay it before you; we kne-el and adore you***

***We bless your holy na-me; glad praises we sing.***

***We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.***

***Through tri-al and tempest our guide you have been;***

***When per-ils o’er take us, you wi-ll not forsake us,***

***And with your help, O Lo-rd, our battles we win.***

***With voices united our praises we offer;***

***To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.***

***Your strong arm will guide us; our Go-d is beside us.***

***To you, our great Redeemer, for e’-er be praise!***

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God our Father, your generous 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; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**Genesis 8:18-22**

**“Thank Him For His Faithfulness!”**

<sup>18</sup> So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>19</sup> All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup> The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

**SECOND LESSON**

**I Thessalonians 5:12-18**

**“Thankful Is, As Thankful Does!”**

<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. <sup>16</sup> Be joyful always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 17:11-19**

**Give the Lord What He’s Looking For!”**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

<sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”