



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.
Psalm 100:4

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Thanksgiving Eve

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Welcome! We welcome everyone who has come to join us for our special thanksgiving service this evening. It is our prayer that your faith in Jesus Christ is strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word, so that you may live lives of thanksgiving knowing the great things our Triune God has done for you!



If you are visiting us this evening please sign our Guest Book at the entry of the church, and we pray you to come and join us again on Sunday. If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor.

† This Week at Faith †

Wed: 11/26 - 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Sunday: 11/30 - 10:45 A.M. Worship Service at Faith

11:45 A.M. Christmas decorating at church

Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 92:1-2
*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night.*

The Order of Worship

Opening Prayer: By the Pastor

Hymn: 574 - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Call to Worship (*Psalms 67*)

P: We begin our service of Thanksgiving in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

P: God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

C: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.*

P: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.

C: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.*

P: Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

C: *God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.*

Confession and Absolution:

P: Dear Friends in Christ, aware of God's providence and grace, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: *Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.*

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: *All glory be to God! Amen.*

Response: (*sung to Hymn 341 - words by Pastor L. D. Redlin*)

All: ♪ **Come, let us join in praise,
God's people one and all,
Who through the years have been both blest
In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing
And raise your voices strong;
Let all the world behold our God
And join to sing our song.**



**Come, let us hear His Word;
Inspired by our God,
It lights our every step as we
Through this world's darkness trod.
As we thus walk with God --
Our hand in His each day --
We'll find a peace in heart and soul
In Him the Truth, the Way. ♪**

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 8:15-22 (NKJV)*

¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. ²² "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 34:1-8 (NKJV)*

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

C: The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

C: And let us exalt His name together.

P: I sought the LORD, and He heard me,

C: And delivered me from all my fears.

P: They looked to Him and were radiant,

C: And their faces were not ashamed.

P: This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him,

C: And saved him out of all his troubles.

P: The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,

C: And delivers them.

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:24-34 (NKJV)*

²⁴ "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶ If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? ²⁹ And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰ For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹ But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³² Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not

grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Thanksgiving Creed (*Luther's Explanation to the 1st Article*):

All: *I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.*

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing, and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property, and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: 789 - Consider How the Birds Above

Sermon: *Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)*

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, 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 minds through Christ Jesus.

Theme: Give Thanks for God's Grace

Part 1 - Don't worry, be happy

Trust in the Lord!

Part 2 - Take it to the Lord in prayer

He hears and will answer

Part 3 - His peace will keep you

Give thanks for God's Grace in Christ!

Offertory: (sung to Hymn 341 - words by Pastor L. D. Redlin)

All: ♪ Come, let us offer gifts,
With hearts of thankfulness,
That we may tell the whole wide world
What God has done for us.
And give to people lost,
And caught in Satan's lies,
The gift of God's redemptive grace
To dry repentant tears.



Come, let us dedicate
Ourselves to God each day,
May He inspire our heart and mind
And everything we say.
The future of our life
Rests firmly in His love.
Throughout our life we'll live for Him
On earth and then above. ♪

Hymn: 793 - Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Offering of Thankfulness

Thanksgiving Prayer/The Lord's Prayer:

Dismissal with the LORD's Blessing:

P: Go in Peace and serve the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God.*
P: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
C: *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: 36 - Now Thank We All Our God

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O give  
*thanks*  
unto the LORD, for he is good;  
*for his mercy endures forever.*  
Psalms 107:1 (KJV)

**Announcements**

**Christmas Decorating at Faith** - This coming Sunday we will be entering the season of the church year called "Advent" (which means "coming"). During the weeks of Advent we will focus on the coming of Jesus our Savior, and prepare for the celebration of His birth at Christmas.

You are invited to join us this Sunday after our worship service for Christmas Decorating as we decorate the church and prepare for the advent and celebration of our Savior's birth. We will be setting up the Christmas tree as well as doing other decorating around the building. We hope that you will join us!



**"God's Creation" Calendars are Available** - New 2015 monthly wall calendars are available for purchase through the Women of Grace. These beautiful calendars can be purchased for \$4 per calendar, and a sample can be seen on the table at the back of the church. If you are interested, please sign your name on the list and leave your payment in the basket on the table. Please note that checks should be made out to **"Women of Grace."** †

**Adult Choir** - If you are interested in participating in the adult choir and the singing "Stille Nacht" please speak to Pastor Mayhew. We will be singing this for our Children's Christmas service on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Music is available from the pastor. We would like to practice singing this after church on Sunday.

