

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



Thanksgiving Day Worship

November 23, 2017
Pastor Mark Voss

Gathering

P: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.



We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!



In grate-ful de - vo-tion our trib-ute we bring: We lay it be - fore you; we



kneel and a-dore you; We bless your ho-ly name; glad prais-es we sing.

P: Let all the earth sing praise to God!

C: Let the sound of his praise be heard in all the world!

P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing together for joy.

P: Let us exult in God's steadfast love!

**We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you,
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

P: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

C: My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, praising his deliverance.

P: Let all who take refuge in God rejoice; let them sing before the Lord.

C: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises God with joyful lips.

P: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart!

**With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!**

Prayer of Confession

We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have born in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

ALL: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Thanksgiving Lesson

1 Samuel 17:32-37

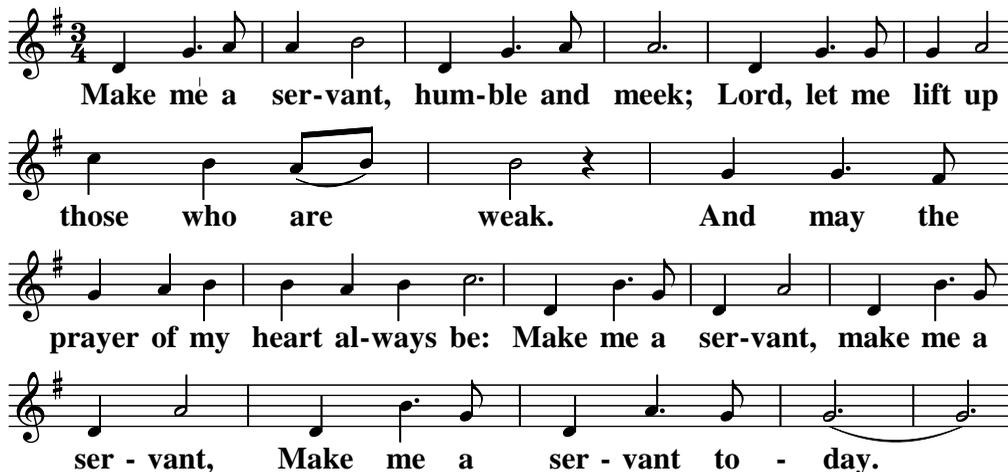
³²David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

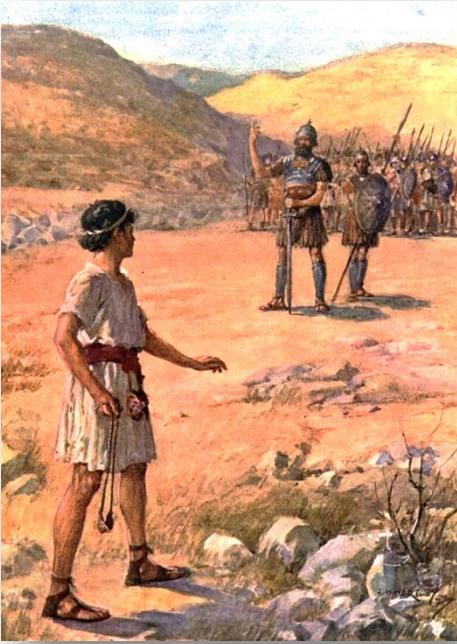


Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up
those who are weak. And may the
prayer of my heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser - vant, Make me a ser - vant to - day.

1 Samuel 17:38-50

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.



⁴¹Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴²He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴"Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army

to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

⁵⁰So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.



Confession of Faith

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C: I believe that God made me and every creature 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, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me against all evil.

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

Hymn – “For the Fruit of His Creation”

CW 611



For the fruit of his cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God. For his gifts to
In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done. In the help we
For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God. For the good we



ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
give our neigh - bor, God's will be done. In our world - wide
all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the won - ders



sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

SERMON

It's All in the Bag

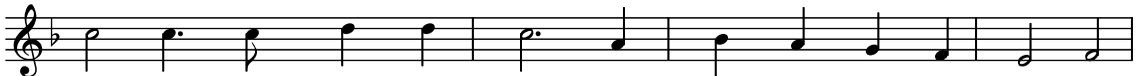
Based on the Thanksgiving Lesson

Hymn – “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

CW 610



Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voi-ces,
Oh may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
All peace and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re - joi - ces,
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our mo - ther's arms Has blessed us on our way
And keep us in his grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore!



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Thanksgiving Praise and Prayer

P: Let us pray and give thanks to the Lord our God for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for all your benefits to us. We thank you for our bodies and souls, for clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, family and friends, and all that we have. We thank you for your continual care, for daily providing us with all that we need, and for guarding and defending us from all danger. Most especially we thank you for bringing us to faith. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Lord God, we praise you for calling us into your holy Christian Church. We thank you for pastors and teachers who preach and teach your holy Word. Keep them faithful to the truth that we may be united with them in the confession of your holy name. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Creator and governor of all, we thank you for preserving our nation even in times of danger and war. Give our leaders wisdom to lead us with justice. Make us obedient, respectful, and thankful of all in authority over us, recognizing that you have given them to us for our good. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Lord of the harvest, we praise you with grateful hearts for the fruits of the earth in their season. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others that we might be good stewards of this bounty and use it rightly. Teach us to remember that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

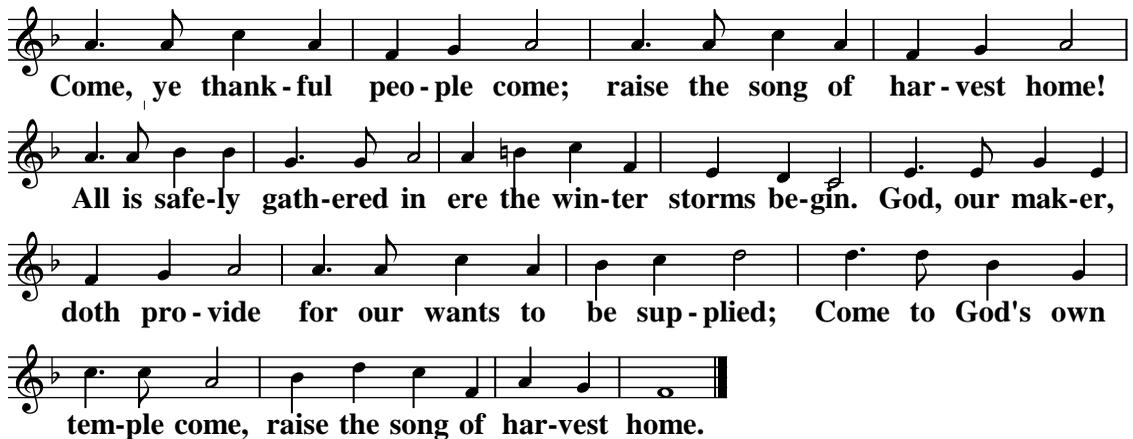
P: Merciful Father, we praise and thank you for all the blessings of life. Look in kindness on all whose lives are threatened. Protect the unborn, the weak and the elderly. Heal the sick and suffering. Be a tower of refuge to those in any trouble, a strength to those who are dying and a comfort to those who mourn. Make us your instruments to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

Blessing

Closing Hymn “Come You Thankful People, Come”

Verse One – Choir and Congregation



Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple come; raise the song of har-vest home!
All is safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin. God, our mak-er,
doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied; Come to God's own
tem-ple come, raise the song of har-vest home.

Verse Two – Choir only

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be

Verse Three – Choir and Congregation



E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come, bring Thy fi-nal har-vest home;
Gath-er all Thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin, There, for-ev-er
pu-ri-fied, in Thy pres-ence to a-bide. Come, with all Thine an-gels, come,
raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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