



## THANKSGIVING

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Waseca, Minnesota  
November 22, 2018

**PRAYER UPON ENTERING-** Dear Heavenly Father, You are the Creator, and Preserver of all created things, both visible and invisible. I have not always appreciated what You have bountifully given unto me, especially the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life upon the cross for my redemption. This day Lord, I especially want to say: Thank You! Help me to use what You have given to me, for the building of Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**WELCOME-** On this nationally recognized day of Thanksgiving, we give thanks unto the Lord. We thank Him for the many blessings He has given us in this land. Our forefathers, the Pilgrims (and even those before them), made sure to thank God for His rich bounty. Let us then gather here in this place, to give thanks unto the Lord, for His goodness and mercy shown to so many generations!

THE PILGRIMS had the custom of putting five grains of corn upon each empty plate before a dinner of "thanksgiving" was served. The father, mother, children, and friends would each pick up a grain of corn and tell what they were thankful for. It was to remind them that the first Pilgrims were in such dire straits that their allowance was only five grains of corn per person per day. They were so thankful for what their friends, some American Indians, had given them, and how God had sustained them. We have so many reasons to be thankful.

We are asking each worshipper, adults and children, to come forward during the offering, and when they deposit their offering of thanks unto God, they should also pick up five kernels of corn to take home. Today, when your Thanksgiving dinner is set (before digging-in), let each person publicly, and personally, thank God, for something he is thankful unto God for, with each of his five kernels of corn. If you have visitors, please pick up extra kernels for them.

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### SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✠ Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✠ Fellowship/Coffee: 10:00 a.m.
- ✠ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- ✠ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OPENING HYMN:** # 892. . . . “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

(Psalm 100)

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

**C: Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing.**

P: Know ye that the Lord is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves.

**C: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with Praise:

**C: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.**

**HYMN:** #806 . . . . . “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** . . . . . Psalm 67

**THE EPISTLE LESSON:** . . . . . 1 Timothy 2:1-4

**ANTHEM:** “Look at the World” . . . . . (by our Senior Choir)

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** . . . . . Luke 17:11-19

### THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

(The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed and the Meaning)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**What does this mean?** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He guards me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**THE SERMON HYMN:** # 894 . . . “For the Fruits of His Creation”

**THE SERMON:** “Thank you, Lord” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**THE OFFERING** will be brought forward and put into the offering plates as all family members pick up five kernels of corn. (Note explanation earlier in this bulletin.)

**Music & Hymns during the Offering:**

#785 . . . . . *We Praise You, O God*”

#893 . . . . . “*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*”

#781. . . . . “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*”

### THE THANKSGIVING LITANY

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creator and sustainer of all good and perfect gifts, for the joy of seed time and the riches of harvest;

**C: We give You thanks, O God!**

P: For the Bible in its truth and purity and for the Good News of Christ, our Savior and Lord,

**C: We mightily thank Thee, O God!**

P: For this land with all its freedoms, that we still presently enjoy,

**C: We give You thanks, O God!**

P: For the many and various foods we daily consume, and which we look forward to abundantly receive this day.

**C: We thank Thee, O Lord!**

P: But, O Lord for the starving millions who will go hungry tonight,

**C: We pray that You would use us to help feed them, and to help them learn good cultivation, as well as faith in You.**

P: Help us that our work and homes, our bodies and minds and all we have may be used as a sacred trust from You.

**C: We ask of Thee, O God!**

P: That we may be good stewards of all these blessings, and that we may so share our bounty with those in need across the world as to cause all lands to break forth into songs of thanksgiving to Thee;

**C: We pray to You, O God!**

P: For the people who live without the saving message of Jesus, who don't know Christ; who are serving other gods, starving spiritually,

**C: We pray that You would use us to bring the bread of life to them by speaking to them of Christ, and by our support of missionaries and other pastors.**

P: Help us to be a country with gratitude to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so that we would truly give thanks to Thee, the One true God, in every place;

**C: We pray to You, Triune God!**

P: May we be a congregation and a church body that continues to hold to the truths of the Bible, and especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Savior.

**C: In Jesus' name we pray.**

P: And we join together in praying that prayer that You have taught us to pray:

(THE LORD'S PRAYER)

**All: Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN: #895. . . . "Now Thank We All Our God"**

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