



*Thanksgiving Eve
Worship*

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

7:00 p.m.



MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

ORGAN PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING HYMN #407 – “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people.

People: We pray that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Pastor: Do not be anxious about anything,

People: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Pastor: On this Eve of Thanksgiving Day let us, first, confess our neglect of God's good gifts and pray for forgiveness and faith.

People: Lord God, we confess that, though every good and perfect gift comes from you, we have not always been aware of your goodness nor have we paused to give you the praise and thanks that you are due. Open our eyes as we open our hands that we may know your mercy, receive your forgiveness and give you our heartfelt gratitude, not only this day but all our days.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God,

All: your mercies are new every morning and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Philippians 4:6-20

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever Amen. Here ends the reading

PSALM 67 (read in unison)

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.**
- ² Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations upon earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- ⁷ May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

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GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

HOMILY

HYMN #410 – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Stand

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

OFFERTORY

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Pastor: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People: **Sing unto the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks
at the remembrance of his holiness.**

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

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: O give thanks to the God of gods;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord of lords;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: O give thanks to the God of heaven;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Pastor: Seek the LORD, and his strength; seek his presence continually!

People: Remember the wondrous works that he has done; his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Pastor: And all the angels were standing around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne, and worshiped God saying:

All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art 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**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray. O holy Lord, we give you endless praise and thanks; for you have given yourself on the cross to save us from our sins, and now you have given your holy self to us — your body and your blood — to nourish and strengthen our souls. Stay with us and continue to bless us through all of our days, and lead us by the Holy Spirit to live for you, the Trinity in unity.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #557 – “Let All Things Now Living”

After the singing of the hymn, the congregation is dismissed.

The text is written in a highly decorative, black calligraphic script. The words are arranged in four lines: "Let us come", "before him with", "thanksgiving.", and "Psalm 95:2, NIV". The letters are thick and elegant, with many loops and flourishes. The word "Let" is particularly large and ornate, with a long, sweeping tail that loops back. The word "thanksgiving." is also large and features a prominent flourish at the end. The entire text is surrounded by intricate floral and vine-like decorations, including leaves and small clusters of berries or flowers. The background is plain white.

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

