



*Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship*

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**November 22, 2017**

**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,  
*(See next page)*

**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: Deuteronomy 26:1-2

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name.

PSALM 67 (read in unison)

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

*Stand* 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.**

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HOMILY

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

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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

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### 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.*



*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV