

Thanksgiving Eve

November 21, 2012



*Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.*

1 Chronicles 16:34

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

830 N. First Ave

Tucson, AZ 85719

A Service of Thanksgiving

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, You Thankful People Come

Christian Worship #613

STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145

M: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

M: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

C: Slow to anger and rich in love.

M: The Lord is good to all;

C: He has compassion on all he has made.

M: The eyes of all look to you,

C: and you give them their food at the proper time.

M: You open your hand

C: and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

M: The Lord is near to all who call on Him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

M: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

C: let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

PRAYER

M: Dear Lord, at this time of Thanksgiving, we are mindful of the abundant blessings you have poured out into our lives. With grateful hearts we come before you to hear of your love and care for us and to worship you with thankful hearts. Be with us as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

WORSHIP CHOIR

All Thanks and Praise

Words & Music by Mark Patterson

REFRAIN:

All thanks and praise, Lord, be given unto you. All glory this day in the things that we say and do.
In our songs of praise, in our words of prayer, in the moments of silence too,
All thanks and praise be given, Lord be given unto you.

Lord, the blessings you give us we cannot repay; they come by grace from above,
But with spirits rejoicing, our hearts will proclaim the depth of your love.

So come let us sing a song to the Lord, a song of glory and praise.
Oh come let us serve Him with hearts full of joy, giving thanks to Him this day.

REFRAIN

Lord, we give you now all thanks and praise!

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:10-13

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.

STAND

THANKSGIVING GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

BE SEATED

HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Christian Worship #614

SERMON

Philippians 4:10-13
Content in Every Situation

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's explanation to the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed

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, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
Christian Worship #609

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder
at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The Ash Grove
Setting by Wilber Held

STAND

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for your work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent Prayer

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN

For the Fruit of His Creation

Christian Worship #611

STAND

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God
Christian Worship #610

POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

We thank those assisting in our Thanksgiving Worship:

Service: Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Choir Director: Teri Guenther
Piano/Violin Duet: Kathy & Maya Parra

Organist: Elaine Goldie
Trumpets: Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor
Ron Koehler, Tyler Koehler

We hope you are able to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy some Thanksgiving pies and desserts and the company of Christian friends! May God bless your Thanksgiving Day!

Please join us for Sunday worship at 7:45 or 10 AM with Adult Bible Study
and Children's Sunday School in between the services.



The word "Advent" means "coming." It is the name of the season prior to Christmas where Christians take extra time to prepare their hearts to properly celebrate our Savior's coming into this world to bring salvation.

Each week during Advent this year, we'll consider the Savior's coming through the eyes of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, and also the Savior's heavenly Father, using the text of Matthew's gospel. Prepare your heart to celebrate

Christmas by attending Wednesday Advent Services at Grace-University. Worship will be held at 10 AM and at 7 PM with an Advent Supper served in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.

December 5	The Fathers' Love
December 12	The Fathers' Care
December 19	The Fathers' Faithfulness



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, December 5, December 12, December 19
at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM with a supper at 6:00 PM.

Christmas Eve Children's Service

Monday, December 24 at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Day Festival Worship

Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 AM at both Grace-
University and Grace-Vail.

New Year's Eve Worship

Monday, December 31 at 7:00 PM.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief

Christian Aid and Relief provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid to people around the world who have been devastated by natural disasters and other tragedies. Your gifts help provide assistance and create opportunities to share the saving message of the gospel—thank you.

If you would like to help the efforts on the East Coast, you can submit a gift online at www.wels.net/hurricanerelief or send a check to WELS Re: Christian Aid and Relief hurricane fund, 2929 N Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53222-4398. Check www.wels.net for more information as it becomes available.

Current Grants:

Domestic Relief—providing disaster relief, medical assistance, and humanitarian aid throughout the U.S.—total \$176,805.

Foreign Relief—providing disaster relief to Grenada, Haiti, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Nigeria, and Pakistan—total \$247,146.

Humanitarian Aid—providing assistance for projects such as borehole drilling, community centers, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and medical clinics—total \$295,693.

Breakdown by world mission field:

Cameroon, Malawi, Nigeria, Zambia—\$72,096.

Bulgaria, Russia—\$43,000.

Haiti, Mexico—\$52,197.

India, Nepal, Pakistan—\$128,400.

Christian Aid and Relief projects total for this year—\$719,644.

If an opportunity arises for outreach through humanitarian aid and disaster relief in your area, please contact WELS Christian Aid and Relief for assistance.

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