

Thanksgiving Eve

November 27, 2013

**When you have
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satisfied, praise
the LORD your
God for the
good land he
has given you.**

-Deuteronomy 8:10



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PRESERVICE MUSIC

Thanksgiving
By Jim Brickman

Come, Ye Thankful People Come
Arr. by Larry Moore
Played by the Brass Ensemble

Now Thank We All Our God
Arr. by Arthur Frackenpohl
Saxophone: Jeremy Snavelly

A Service of Thanksgiving

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Thankful People, Come
Christian Worship #613

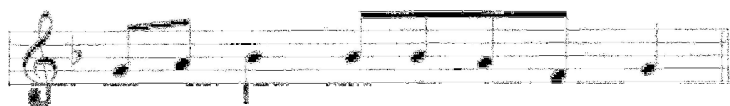
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RESPONSIVE SENTENCES

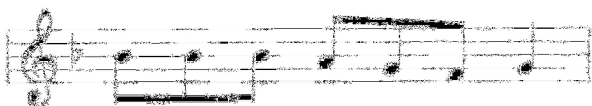
M: Minister C: Congregation



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

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

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (NIV)

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.

PSALM 97

M: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
C: **let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
M: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
C: **and extol him with music and song.**
M: For the LORD is the great God,
C: **the great King above all gods.**
M: In his hand are the depths of the earth,
C: **and the mountain peaks belong to him.**
M: The sea is his, for he made it,
C: **and his hands formed the dry land.**
M: Come, let us bow down in worship,
C: **let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**
M: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
C: **the flock under his care.**

SECOND LESSON

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

Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV)

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.

WORSHIP CHOIR

A Song of Thanksgiving
By Sue Farrar

*A song of thanksgiving, a song full of praise, a song of thanksgiving, Our voices we raise
to God the Father and Jesus the King; A song of thanksgiving, our praises we sing.*

*A song of thanksgiving, a song full of praise, a song of thanksgiving, Our voices we raise.
All angels sing their joyous strain, In songs of thanksgiving they join our refrain.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!*

*A song of thanksgiving, a song full of praise, a song of thanksgiving, Our voices we raise.
All ye who love the Lord, rejoice! With songs of thanksgiving, lift up your voice!*

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

We Thank You for Your Blessings
Christian Worship #615

Please 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.

Please 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!



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Simple Gifts
By Russell Schulz-Widmar

Please 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.**

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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God
Christian Worship #610

We thank those assisting in our Thanksgiving Worship:

Service	Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist.....	Teri Guenther
Brass Ensemble Director	Missy Wiechmann
Trumpets.....	Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Baritone	Eileen Rayman
Trombone	John Rayman
French Horn	Cora Stuhr
Saxophone	Jeremy Snavelly
Worship Choir Director.....	Teri Guenther
Ushers	Bryan Guenther, Jacob Kassulke, Taylor Parra, Rick Street
Sound and Recording Technician.....	Jeff Weinstein

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Advent Services and Suppers

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

Our worship theme for Wednesday’s in Advent this year is *The Eager Expectation of God’s People*. We will consider the soul’s anticipation of the Savior’s arrival. Each week that eagerness to greet the Messiah focuses on one of his offices: Prophet, Priest or King. You are invited to 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.

The Eager Expectation of God’s People	December 4	Eager to Hear the Prophet
	December 11	Eager to Trust the Priest
	December 18	Eager to See the King

Prior to the 7 PM services each week you are welcome to join us for supper at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to host the meals on December 4, 11 and 18 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Services at Grace-University

Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
with a supper at 6:00 PM.

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 PM at Grace-Vail
(Cottonwood Elementary).

Children's Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24
7:00 PM at Grace-University.

Christmas Day Festival Worship

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

New Year's Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 31
7:00 PM at Grace-University.

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.

Current Grants:

Domestic Relief—providing disaster relief, medical assistance, and humanitarian aid throughout the U.S.—\$203,200.

Foreign Relief—providing disaster relief, emergency assistance, and humanitarian aid to Haiti, Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia, Nepal, Pakistan, Japan, Mexico, Samoa, and Canada—\$167,709.

Humanitarian Aid—providing assistance for projects such as borehole drilling, community centers, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and medical clinics—\$306,023.

Mission fields receiving humanitarian aid grants—Malawi, Nigeria, Zambia, Russia, Haiti, Mexico, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Japan, Thailand, Canada, Apache Indian Reservation

Christian Aid and Relief projects total for this year—\$676,932.

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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