

May God be gracious
to us and bless
us and make his face to
shine upon us, that your
way may be known on earth,
your saving power among
all nations. Let the peoples
praise you, O God; let all the
peoples praise you! Let the
nations be glad and sing for
joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the
nations upon earth. Let the
peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
The earth has yielded its
increase; God, our God, shall
bless us. God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth
fear him!

— Psalm 67

Thanksgiving Eve

November 22, 2023 • Lector: Perry Bernhardt

Prelude: “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” Anna Laura Page

Invocation & Prayer of the Day

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us pray...forever one God. **Amen**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **We confess that, apart from Christ, we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ himself, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Hymn: “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers.
²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might

humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

Psalm 67

¹May 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 a- | mong all nations.**

³Let 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.**

⁵Let 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.**

⁷May God give | us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-20

⁶... Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to

them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Christ Jesus.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon: “The Ten Percent”

The Apostles Creed

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

The congregation responds as printed in bold below at the end of each of four petitions.

... Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray you to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Charles Callahan

Upcoming Events

- November 23 & 24 – Church office closed Thursday and Friday
- December 2 – **Christmas decorating**, beginning at 9:00AM, and **luminary placement** at 10:00AM
- December 2 – **Bean soup/cornbread supper**, 4PM, donations to benefit Lutheran Military Veterans & Families
- December 3 – **Breakfast** before Sunday School, 8:30AM
- December 3 – **Vespers** 6:00PM, parsonage
- December 17 – **Children's Christmas Program**, 4:00PM
- December 23 – **Christmas Concert**, 4PM, sanctuary
- December 24 – **Christmas Eve service**, 7:00PM
- December 25 & 26 – Church office closed Monday and Tuesday

The Ten Percent

*Find the 27 **bold** words from Luke 17:11–19.*

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On the way to **Jerusalem**, [Jesus] was passing through between **Samaria** and **Galilee**. As he entered a certain village, he was met by **ten** men who were **lepers**. They stood at a great distance and raised their voices, saying, “**Jesus, Master**, have **mercy** on us.” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and **show** yourselves to the **priests**.” And as they **traveled**, they were **cleansed**. **One** of them, when he saw that he was healed, **turned back**, **glorifying God** with a loud voice. And he **bowed** down at [Jesus’] feet, giving him **thanks**. Now he was a **Samaritan**. And Jesus responded, “Were not the ten cleansed? So, **where** are the **nine**? Was no one discovered who returned to give **glory** to God except this **foreigner**?” And he said to him, “**Rise** and go your way; your **faith** has **healed** you.”



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

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