Thanksgiving Nov. 25th, 2020

Don't Forget the Lord your God

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - CW 234

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

P: For the beauty of the heavens and the earth,

C: We thank and praise you, God, our Creator.

P: For the beauty of your matchless grace revealed to us,

C: We thank and praise you, Christ, our Savior.

P: For the beauty of your ever-present love and peace,

C: We thank and praise you, Spirit of God.

Hymn

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above - CW 236 v. 1

Confession of Sins

P: Forgive us, Lord.

C: For forgetting you when we are satisfied, for hearts that have become proud, for thinking that our power and strength have produced our wealth.

P: Forgive us, Lord.

C: For forgetting that you are the one who gives us the ability to produce wealth, for failing to be content in every situation, for forgetting the many times you have fed and cared for us beyond our wishes.

P: Forgive us, Lord.

C: For shallow thankfulness, for stingy love and for faithless service.

P: Forgive us, Lord.

C: For the sake of your Son whose faithful love and willing service on the cross has paid our debt in full.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has credited to our account the work of Jesus and confirmed his covenant of love to us through the cross. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Grades 3-4 Sing

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,' let the poor say 'I am rich' because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat all)

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson and Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 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. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 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 ancestors, as it is today.

Hymn

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer - CW 609

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 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. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. 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. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day (sung by Jay Uhlenbrauck) Great is Thy Faithfulness Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided--Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had

leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God - CW 610

Sermon

Pastor Kenneth Frey

Gifts from God

Confession of Faith

First Article of the Apostles' Creed, with Martin Luther's explanations:

- P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- C: "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever." (Psalm 146:5-6)
- P: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.
- C: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139:13-16)
- P: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.
- C: "The living God, who made heaven and earth, and sea and everything in them, has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in

their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." (Acts 14:15-17)

- P: God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.
- C: "The Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." (Proverbs 2:6-8)
- P: 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, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.
- C: "The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill me vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people." (Psalm 116:5,12-14)

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: We praise and thank you, for all the blessings of body and soul which you pour out on us every day as we sing . . .

Hymn

We Thank You for Your Blessings – CW 615

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: Amen.

Hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – **CW 334**

Worship Notes

Presiding Minister: Kenneth Frey

Organist: Nancy Zander

Trumpet & Trombone: Jacqueline and Philip Machkovech

Service Team:

6:00 p.m. C. Woehler (Head Usher), T. Falck, A. Ziegler, D.

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