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To Our Guests and Visitors

We welcome all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor. If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

Thank the Lord

Thanksgiving Eve

November 27, 2013

Opening Hymn ... We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
 Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
 When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
 And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
 With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
 To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Responsive Reading ... Psalm 105:1-8

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
- C** **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**
- P** Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- C** **Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
- C** **He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Confession and Absolution

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call on His name. Let us call on His name now as we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, You have commanded us to seek You but we do not. We turn away from You and from Your will for us. We follow our own sinful desires and the ways of this world. We do not give thanks for Your many blessings. Forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Teach us to remember and give thanks for Your mighty works. Help us by your Spirit to seek Your presence in our lives.**

P God remembers His covenant forever. He fulfilled His covenant promise and sent His Son to die on the cross and rise from death to win forgiveness and eternal life for you. For the sake of Jesus Christ and by His command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C **Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise ... O Bless the Lord, My Soul

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name whose favors are divine.

He crowns thy life with love when ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

His wondrous works and ways he made by Moses known,
But sent the world his truth and grace by his beloved Son.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 15:1-6

Epistle Reading ... Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Reading ... Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Hymn ... Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... Now Thank We All Our God

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.

The Offering

The Prayers

P Lord of our salvation, we give You thanks and praise for the countless blessings we receive from Your hand, the blessings of home and family, food and shelter, work and friends.

C **Teach us to be truly thankful, not only on this day, but every day.**

P Lord of our salvation, we give You thanks and praise for defeating our enemies of sin, death and the devil and bringing us safely into Your kingdom.

C **Help us to speak freely of Your love for us and of the forgiveness and salvation we have in Your name.**

P Lord of our salvation, we pray for those who find it difficult to give thanks, those who are surrounded by illness and worry, by fear and guilt, especially for all those we name in our hearts.

C **Give us opportunities to show our gratitude to You by serving those who need to experience your love through our comfort and help.**

P Lord of our salvation, teach us to sing with all the saints: "The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation!"

C **Thank the Lord! Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

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Hymns during Communion

892, 789, 801, 761

The Benediction

Closing Hymn ... Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.