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secret of being  
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# *New Life Ev. Lutheran Church*

*Lake Zurich, IL*

*...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.*

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## **THANKSGIVING EVE** *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks* *November 23, 2022*

### **AS WE GATHER**

Thanksgiving Day has a high and great meaning for us as Christians, for thanksgiving is grateful acknowledgement for the past and present mercies of God. We have so much for which to thank God—the Word He gives us, which is the living voice of our Lord. Through water and the Word of God, we are brought into His kingdom in Holy Baptism. The spiritual nourishment that renews our strength for the daily tasks of this life comes in the Sacrament of the Altar, where we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sin. This is our purpose tonight—to pray, praise, and give thanks. The foundation of our life, including our prayers, is Jesus Christ. This means that our giving of thanks goes far beyond Thanksgiving Day into every day of our lives. We are compelled to give thanks because of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

### **BEFORE SERVICE PRAYER**

Dear Savior, how many blessings You have given me—this free land, my home and family, my health and strength! But even if I should lose them all, I still have You, my greatest blessing. Amen.

### **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**      **CW 491** “COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME” (CW93 613)

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of God, our Heavenly Father,  
**People: our Creator and Provider.**

Pastor: In the name of God, His Son, Jesus Christ,  
**People: our Savior and Protector.**

Pastor: In the name of God, the Spirit,  
**People: our Counselor and Guide.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100 (*A psalm for giving thanks.*)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

**People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalm 32:5*)

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word, private confession and self-examination)*

Pastor: Lord God,

**All: we come to You this evening confessing that we are often unthankful for all the gracious gifts You have given us. So often we worry unnecessarily about our future though it is in Your hands. Forgive our unthankfulness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive us, and fill us with the joy of Your presence and the promise of our eternal salvation.**

Pastor: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access

to His grace by which we now stand. Therefore, by the command of Christ and the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.** (*Jeremiah 20:13*)

Pastor: With thankful hearts, let us praise the LORD!



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.  
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.  
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

## PRAYER OF THE EVENING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1–10 (*Remember the LORD Your God*)

1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. 2 Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. 4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

6 Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in His ways and revering Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORY      “WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER” (CW 609)**

**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 battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer;**

**To You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.**

**Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.**

**To You, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!**

**EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:10-13** (*Paul writes about “being content”.*)

10 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. 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 everything through Him who gives me strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORY      “FOR THE FRUIT OF HIS CREATION”**

(CW93 611)

**For the fruit of His creation, Thanks be to God.**

**For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,**

**Silent growth while we are sleeping,**

**Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.**

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**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11–19** (*Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

11 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 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”** 19 Then He said to him, **“Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”**

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** (The first Article of the Apostles’ Creed—with Luther’s meaning)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**All: 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.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.**

**God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, 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.**

## SERMON

## OFFERING

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



## OFFERTORY

### OFFERING HYMN "PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE"

(CW93 612 VS. 1 & 4)

**Praise to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days.  
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,  
Let Your praise our tongues employ.  
All to You, our God, we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**As Your prosp'ring hand has blest,  
May we give You of our best  
And by deeds of kindly love  
For Your mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days:  
"Praise to God, immortal praise."**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

**People: for food, health, clothing, and homes.**

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

**People: for the many freedoms we enjoy.**

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

**People: for a just government.**

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

**People: for teachers, family, and friends.**

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

**People: for the gifts You give to Your Church.**

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

**People: for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.**

*(A moment of silence to give thanks to God.)*

Pastor: Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your Kingdom.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)**

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

**People: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Pastor: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *(Colossians 3:15-17)*

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. *(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

**People: Amen.**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**CW 597 "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" (CW93 610)**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After the service, all are welcome to head downstairs for a traditional stone soup supper.

Tomorrow we will be hosting 28 recruits from the Great Lakes Naval Base for Thanksgiving Day. Set-up at church begins at 11:00 AM.