



MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 26, at 10 AM

~Hymn 461 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

1. *Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.*

2. *All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

3. *For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.*

4. *Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide.
Come with all Thine angels, come;
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

~Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

~Collect—Prayer of the Day

(ELH p. 166, #144)

P: Almighty God, most merciful Father, You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing: We give You most humble and hearty thanks that You have crowned the fields with Your blessing, and have permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth;

and we beseech You to bless and protect the living seed of Your Word sown in our hearts, that in the abundant fruits of righteousness we may always present to You an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Men's Choir "***Give Thanks***"

(Arr. By Tom Fettke)

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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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.

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Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks. Give thanks.

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Timothy 2:1-4 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

~Men's Choir "***Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices***"

(CW Hymn 242, v.4)

Lord, I will tell, while I am living,

Your love and grace with every breath

And greet each morning with thanksgiving

Until my heart is still in death,

And, when at last my lips grow cold,

Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

~**Psalm 92** (read responsively):

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P: To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,

C: And Your faithfulness every night,

P: On an instrument of ten strings,

**C: On the lute,
And on the harp,
With harmonious sound.**

P: For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work;

C: I will triumph in the works of Your hands.

P: O Lord, how great are Your works!

C: Your thoughts are very deep.

P: A senseless man does not know,

Nor does a fool understand this.

When the wicked spring up like grass,

And when all the workers of iniquity flourish,

It is that they may be destroyed forever.

C: But You, Lord, are on high forevermore.

P: For behold, Your enemies, O Lord,

For behold, Your enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

C: But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox;

I have been anointed with fresh oil.

P: My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies;

My ears hear my desire on the wicked

Who rise up against me.

C: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

P: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord

C: Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

P: They shall still bear fruit in old age;

C: They shall be fresh and flourishing,

P: To declare that the Lord is upright;

C: He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-34 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into

the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

~Hymn 466 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

1. We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;

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

We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

2. We worship Thee, God of our fathers; we bless Thee;

Through life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been;

When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us,

And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer;

To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,

To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

~Homily Text

Jonah 2:1-10 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish. He said the following:

In my distress I called to the Lord,

and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,

and you heard my voice.

You threw me into the depths,

into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord, my God.
When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord.
My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.
Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.
But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.
Salvation belongs to the Lord!
Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

~Homily Theme

"Able to Thank God Even from the Belly of a Fish!"

~Men's Choir: Psalm 100

(CW p. 104)

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

And His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through 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.

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

~Prayers

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 85; Mt. 6:9-13)

C: ✠ 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 87; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

~**Hymn 63 Now Thank We All Our God**

*1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.*

*2. O 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.*

*3. 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.*

*Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 6:30 PM: Cassie Johnson / 10 AM: Cassie Johnson
Men's Choir Director: Carl Bloedel*

Please note that this Sunday, November 29, we have no Sunday School classes or Bible studies. Divine services are at the usual times of 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a “**Get Connected!**” card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack or on our “Welcome Table” in the Narthex). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.

Join Us for These Special Worship Services: *2020 Schedule*

Wednesday, December 2 (Midweek Advent)

6:30 PM – *A Preview of Christ: Samson the Judge*
(Judges 13:2-7, 24); Pastor John Petersen

Wednesday, December 9 (Midweek Advent)

6:30 PM – *A Preview of Christ: Samuel the Priest*
(1 Samuel 12:22-24); Pastor Luke Ulrich

Wednesday, December 16 (Midweek Advent)

6:30 PM – *Service of Lessons & Carols*

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Office Closed

4:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

Office Closed

8:30 AM – Divine Service, w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM – Divine Service, w/Holy Communion

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve

Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service, w/Holy Communion

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

Office Closed

