



St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Thanksgiving 2022

OPENING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living | 507

INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

I rejoiced with those who said to me.
“Let us go to the house of the Lord”.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him.
to all who call on him in truth.

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Let us pray.

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.

DUET

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love | 577

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 8:18-22

Noah gave thanks to the Lord after the Great Flood by offering up sacrifices from the animals that came out of the Ark.

¹⁸Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives along with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species. ²⁰Noah built an altar to the LORD and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasant aroma. The LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | 609

SECOND LESSON

James 1:16-18

The "birth by the word of truth" is the forgiveness that Jesus gave us by his holy Word and Baptism. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus' invitation for Zacchaeus to come home to a believing house filled him with joy.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. ⁴He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. ⁷When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man. ⁸Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God | 597

"Zacchaeus Thanked Jesus by Giving"

Pastor Boehringer

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Fourth & Fifth Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread.
This means that God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, **such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children,**

godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.
Thank you for the mountains, the prairies, the lakes, and the starry host.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our industry, for work that is done well, and for approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.
Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.
Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian fathers and mothers, for their love and their care.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

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.**

THE BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—
bless and keep us.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise | 948



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