

**Thanksgiving Day + Thursday, November 26, 2020**  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois + 8:30 a.m.

*As we gather today, please note:*

- **Worshippers are asked to sit only in designated places.**
- **Please wear a mask.**
- **The Illinois Department of Public Health says that “best practice” is to refrain from singing and group recitation. We play recordings of the singing so worshippers can follow along quietly.**
- **Today's offering will be received in the collection plate as you enter or exit.**

**PRELUDE: “Nun danket alle Gott”**

*Chorale prelude by Karl Piutti (1846-1902). Performed by Rhys Arvidson, featuring the J W Walker & Sons pipe organ (London 1865) located at the St Stephen's Anglican Church Richmond, Melbourne Australia. Uploaded by Assemble Edit.*

**BELL**

**PRE-SERVICE SONG: “My Country, 'Tis of Thee”**

*Mormon Tabernacle Choir*

1. **My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.**
2. **My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.**
3. **Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.**
4. **Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King!**

**PRE-SERVICE SONG: “America the Beautiful”**

*Posted by “Faith for the Family”; sung by the Temple Baptist Church, Powell, Tennessee.*

*Suggestion: as you listen to the words of poet Katharine L. Bates, turn the last couple of lines of each stanza (italicized) into a silent prayer offered to God in Jesus’ name for our nation.*

1. **O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! *God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!***
  
2. **O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America! *God mend thine ev’ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!***
  
3. **O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America! *May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev’ry gain divine!***
  
4. **O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! *God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!***

**OPENING HYMN: “We Praise You, O God” LSB 785 / TLH 568**

*Lutheran TV - Hymns from the LSB St. John LCMS, Hubbard, Iowa*

1. **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.**
2. **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.**
3. **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!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 184-185*

- P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**
- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C: **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**PSALM:** *Pastor reads Psalm 67*

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

<sup>7</sup> God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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.

**KYRIE** *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*

*St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*

*St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017*

C: **Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill  
toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship  
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy  
great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father  
Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You crown the field with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Deuteronomy 8:1-20*

P: <sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by

walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE***Philippians 4:4-20*

P: <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** “Now Thank We All Our God” *TLH 36 / LSB 895*

*Lutheran Quartet*

1. *Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.*
2. *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!*
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.*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 17:11-19*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glorify be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: <sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem he [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving

him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### CONFESSION OF FAITH:

#### 4th PETITION, LORD’S PRAYER *from Luther’s Small Catechism*

P: What is the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

C: **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P: What is meant by daily bread?

C: **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

### HYMN: “Praise the Almighty” *LSB 797 / TLH 26*

*Te Deum* 2015 Higher Things Youth Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

1. **Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

*[continued]*

2. **Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earth-born they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
3. **Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
4. **Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God He will remain.  
He helps His children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
5. **Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**SERMON:** "Blessed be the Name of the Lord" *Job 1:20-22*

*<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup> And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*

*<sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.*

**HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790 / TLH 39**

*Te Deum Higher Things Youth Conference 2015 Concordia University, Seward, NE*

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**
2. **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**
3. **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**
4. **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.**
5. **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 power and the  
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** [LSB 202]

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:** “God Bless our Native Land” *LSB 965 / TLH 577*

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1. **God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.**
2. **So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!**

**POSTLUDE:** Chorale Prelude on “Lobe den Herren” for Organ

*Composed by Max Drischner, Posted by Stephen Z. Cook, Organist*

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