

Thanksgiving Prayer — Lord's Prayer

Benediction

HYMN 653: *Now the Light has Gone Away*

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU:

We welcome all of our guests in our Savior's name. May the Holy Spirit bless your worship this evening, and your Thanksgiving Day. We encourage you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please sign our guest register.

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING Eve: A blessed Thanksgiving to all from Pastor & Ruth. May our Thanksgiving joy renew us in our commitment to serve our Savior as His people here at Peace Thru Christ.

ADVENT: We will have special mid-week Advent services Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14. Our Advent series is: **CHRIST'S OFFICES FORETOLD**

1. Foretold as **PROPHET** — Deut. 18:15, 18
2. Foretold as **PRIEST** — Psalm 110:4
3. Foretold as **KING** — Psalm 110:1-3

THIS SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Advent
11:15 a.m. Choir • 11:30 a.m. Christmas Tree Decorating
2:30-6:00 p.m. Evangelism Workshop, Eau Claire

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT:

Our Sunday Advent Sermon Series will be as follows:

OUR KING COMES! LET US PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIM!

- 1st Sunday: He Comes in Mercy to the Undeserving.
2nd Sunday: He Comes to Comfort the Broken-Hearted.
3rd Sunday: He Comes in Love to Make His Blessings Flow.
4th Sunday: He Comes in Power to Establish His Eternal Reign.

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Pre-service Preparation:

Introit, Collect and Gradual for "A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving,"
pg. 85 in Hymnal.

HYMN 792: *Let All Things Now Living*

PASTOR: We begin in the name of the Triune God:

CONGREGATION:

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

**19:1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills, –
To God all praise and glory!**

The Confession of Sins

PASTOR: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

CONGREGATION: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

earth." When you say, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," what is it that you are saying? What do you mean by those words?

CONGREGATION: "What I mean to say and what I believe is that I am a creation of God, that is, He gave me and continuously preserves for me my body, soul, and life, my bodily members great and small, all my senses, my reason and intellect, and so on, also food and drink, clothing, livelihood, spouse and child, servants, house and home, and so on; besides this He causes the necessities and comforts of life to be provided for me by everything in creation – the sun, the moon, the stars in the sky, day and night, air, fire, water, the earth and all that it can produce, birds, fish, animals, grains and all manner of produce. He also gives whatever other physical and temporal blessings there may be, such as good government, peace, security." Thus we learn from this article that no one of himself obtained or could by himself preserve his life or any of the things that have been mentioned or could still be added, no matter how small and unimportant. All this is included in the word "Creator."

PASTOR: : *In addition, we also confess that God the Father not only gave us all that we have and see before our eyes, but He also daily protects and defends us against all evil and misfortune, turning aside danger and mishap of every sort. All this He does out of pure love and goodness, without our deserving it, like a kind father who takes care of us so that no harm may touch us.*

CONGREGATION: It follows self-evidently that, since everything that we possess as well as everything else in heaven and on earth is daily given, sustained, and preserved by God, therefore we in turn certainly owe it to Him to love, praise, and thank Him without ceasing and, in short, to serve Him wholly and completely, as He requires and enjoins us to do in the Ten Commandments.

HYMN 36: *Now Thank We All Our God*

The Offering of our Thankful Hearts

Hymn 574 *Children Sing Vs. 1 2, 4 / Cong. Vs. 3*

them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

HYMN 793: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

The Sermon:

Sermon Text: **Luke 18:9-14**

THEME:

Thanks For Nothing!

I: The Pharisee thanked God for Nothing.

II: The Tax Collector thanked God for he had Nothing.

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

We respond with our confession of faith, offerings, and prayers

Confession of Faith *taken from Luther's Large Catechism explaining the First Article as found in the Book of Concord*

PASTOR: *For young pupils it is enough to point out that the first article concerns the creation. We should stress the phrase, "Maker of heaven and*

Psalm 119:25-32

PASTOR: My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

CONGREGATION: I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.

PASTOR: Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

CONGREGATION: My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

PASTOR: Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

CONGREGATION: I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.

PASTOR: : I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

CONGREGATION: I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.

19:3 I cried to Him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank Him, thank our God with me! –
To God all praise and glory!

The Forgiveness of Sins

PASTOR: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 111:2-4, 7-9

PASTOR: The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

CONGREGATION: His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

PASTOR: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

**CONGREGATION: The works of His hands are verity and justice;
All His precepts are sure.**

PASTOR: They stand fast forever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.

**CONGREGATION: He has sent redemption to His people.
He has commanded His covenant forever:
Holy and awesome is His name.**

**19:4 The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock,
Their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band, –
To God all praise and glory!**

Responsive Reading from the Psalms – praising God for His wonderful works

PASTOR: Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You
have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You
in order;

**CONGREGATION: If I would declare and speak of them, They are
more than can be numbered.**

PASTOR: We will not hide them from our children,

**CONGREGATION: Telling to the generation to come the praises of the
LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has
done.**

PASTOR: I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

**CONGREGATION: Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows
very well.**

PASTOR: Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,

CONGREGATION: And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

**19:6 Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;**

**To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well –
To God all praise and glory!**

Prayer of the Day

PASTOR: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, in glory everlasting. Amen*

We hear the Word of God as it is read and preached:

First Reading: I Timothy 2:1-8

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle -- I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying -- a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

CHOIR: In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

Second Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 So when He saw them, He said to