

# St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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10:30 AM

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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**“The deceit, the lie of the Devil consists of this, that he wishes to make man believe that he can live without God's Word.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

## Opening Song

## “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,  
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

## Invocation & Prayer

## Confession & Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, all hearts and desires are known to You. No secrets are ever hidden from You. We ask You now to come to us and help us so that we might turn away from our rebellion against Your will and live according to Your will alone. Send to us Your Holy Spirit so that we may hear Your Word with our hearts and follow it as we -- confess our sins -- receive Your forgiveness -- and mature into the full likeness of Jesus, Who is our Lord and Redeemer.

ALL: Almighty and merciful Father, I am a deeply troubled and sorrowful sinner. I come to You confessing all that I have said and done that is not in accord with Your Word and will. I know that I have disrespected and ignored You and deserve nothing from You but punishment. I beg in the name of Jesus that You would give me Your underserved mercy and forgive my sinful disobedience. May Your Holy Spirit dwell in my heart and help me to respect You and be obedient to You in all things, and through the sacrifice of Jesus bring me to eternal life in Your presence. Amen.

P: As the called servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God forgives all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

Malachi 3:13-18

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 17:11-19

Thanks be to God

Thanks be to God

Glory to You, O Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

### **We Declare Our Faith**

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will return to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church – the fellowship of saints – the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Song**      **Praise and Thanksgiving**

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer  
For all things living, Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share  
One with another, So that rejoicing  
With us, all others May know Your care.

## **Message**      **“Thanks ... But No Thanks”    I Timothy 2:1-4**

## **Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings**      (We rise to sing the Doxology)

## **Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

All:    Our Father Who is in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive our sins as we forgive the sins of others.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Words of Jesus**

## **Sharing the Sacrament**

***We believe that in, with, and under the simple elements of bread and wine we truly receive the body and blood of Jesus and His forgiveness. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor.***

## **Prayer & Blessing**

## **Song**      **For the Fruits of His Creation**

For the fruits 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.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our world-wide 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.

## **Video**

After a newly introduced Thanksgiving tradition isn't well received, a family discovers what it really means to be thankful for the blessings in their lives. This lighthearted video will help us on the things that matter during the Thanksgiving season.

## **Announcements:**

- Christmas decorating after service
- Cookies for Living Nativity
- Volunteers for clean-up after the Living Nativity

## **Doing the Works of God:**

- Crackers, packaged rice side dishes, cereal, applesauce