

# THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP  
November 21, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Prelude “Praise and Thanks to Thee”**

Samuel Scheidt

*(Please Rise)*

**Opening Hymn #892 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vs. 1, 4)**

## **Invocation**

P: In the name of God the Father:

**C: Praise to our creating God!**

P: In the name of God the Son:

**C: Praise to our redeeming God!**

P: In the name of God the Spirit:

**C: Praise to our renewing God!**

P: Let us join our thankful voices, saying,

**C: Amen! Praise the Lord!**

## **Prayer of the Day** (in unison)

**All: Almighty God our Father, we give You praise for Your generous goodness that comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, lead us to give thanks for Your benefits, and lead us to serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Giving Thanks Times Ten

### Thanksgiving for the United States of America (1)

L: Father, we give You thanks for the United States of America.

**Reading:** The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States

**All:** We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.

**Response:**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C:** For the freedom of speech; for freedom to learn; for freedom to choose our occupation; for freedom of worship; for justice and the right to vote; for leaders who strive to preserve justice and peace; for the congress; and for the rule by the people.

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

### Thanksgiving for the Beauty of the Earth (2)

L: We give thanks for the beauty of the earth.

**Reading:** Psalm 148

**Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C:** For the beautiful rock formations and rolling plains; for the mountains and deserts and forest; for the mighty rivers, quiet streams, and oceans; for the glaciers and magnificent trees; for the gift of creation.

**Hymn of Response: #894 "For the Fruits of His Creation"**

### Thanksgiving for the Food We Eat (3)

L: Oh, give thanks for the gift of food

**Reading:** Psalm 65:9-13

**Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord

**C:** For meat and potatoes; for rice, vegetables, and fruit; for sugar and spices; for bread; for food and nourishment.

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

### Thanksgiving for All People (4)

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C:** For the people of Russia and Poland; for the people of Germany and Spain, for the first nation's people in America; for the African and Asian; for the people of

**the Orient and the Middle East, and for all our neighbors in the Americas and for people everywhere.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

### **Thanksgiving for the Friendship of Believers (5)**

L: We give thanks for friendship and fellowship in the Church of Christ

**Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**

**Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C: For our brother Jesus Christ; for the gifts of the Church; for all who teach and preach; for children and teens; for older and the wise; for all people of God; for the care of others and sharing in song; for friends we have because we are called to belong.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

**Hymn of Response: #785 "We Praise You, O God" (vs.1, 2)**

### **Thanksgiving for the Company of Saints (6)**

L: We give thanks for the saints that have gone before us.

**Reading: Revelation 7:13-17**

**Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C: For Abraham and Moses; Ruth and Naomi; Peter, James, and John; Luther and Walther; and all that have died in Christ.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

### **Thanksgiving for Children and Families (7)**

L: We give thanks for the gift of children and their families.

**Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C: For all our children, small and big; for parents and grandparents; for families large and small; for extended families and those who live alone; for house and home.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

### **Thanksgiving for Health and Life (8)**

L: Oh give thanks unto the Lord.

**Response**

**C: For doctors, nurses, and for new technology like lasers and CAT scans; for wonderful discoveries and relief from pain; for dentists and psychologist; for new treatment of old diseases; for exercise and health; for Your healing and sustaining touch.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

## Thanksgiving for Daily Work (9)

L: We give You thanks for the opportunity to work.

**Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20**

### **Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C: For farmers and lawyers, policemen and steelworkers; for business men and women, athletes and teachers; for bakers and creators; for those in the armed services and for all vocations.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

## Thanksgiving for the Good News of Jesus Christ (10)

L: We give You thanks for Your saving love in Jesus Christ.

**Reading: Luke 17:11-19**

### **Response**

L: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

**C: For Baptism and the Lord's Supper; for Your Holy Word; for forgiveness and grace each day; for extravagant love and mercy, hope and promise; for life everlasting and heaven itself.**

L: For He is gracious and His mercy endures forever and ever.

**Hymn of the Day: #895 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**Message: "Thanks in Everything"**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem: "Come, Christians Join to Sing"**

arr. by Gordon Young

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: #878 "Abide With Me" (vs. 1, 4-6)**

**Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Message:** Rev. Thomas R. Clocker

**Organist:** Frances Burmeister

**Reader:** Rachel Orsborn

**Advent Services: Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.**

**New Year's Eve: Monday, December 31, 7:00 p.m.**