



Faith Lutheran Church

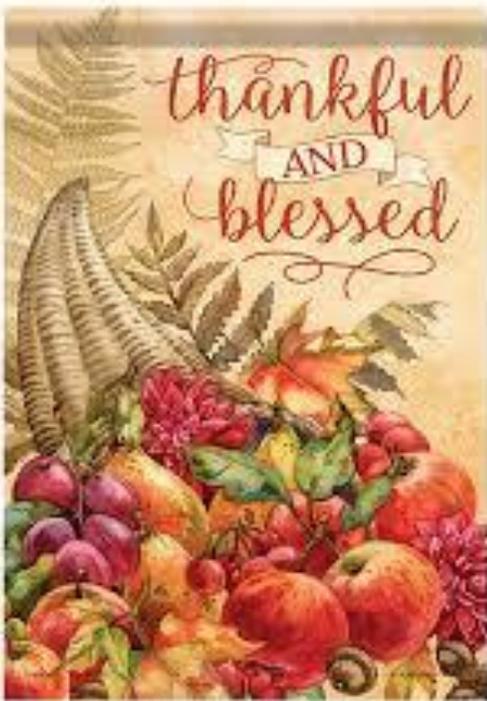
***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 18, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the + Holy Trinity,
one God, who calls us into an
everlasting hope, who guides us
to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit
of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *(A brief silence.)*

C: Oh God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for
you, and for + His sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be
glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.**

**God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.**

**Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: This Sunday is Celebration and Faith Promise Sunday. We gather to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry God has given us. We will also share in the delight and duty of making commitments of how we can share the gifts of time, abilities, spiritual gifts, and financial resources

in delight for God's gift of grace, and that our ministry can grow in outreach with the gospel. We have prayerfully considered how we might grow as disciples and stewards. As we offer our commitments for 2019, we do so with gratitude for our blessings. Thanks be to God for the gift of Jesus Christ and the life transforming grace through him.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*)

Almighty God,

C: You show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:8-12

A reading from Malachi, the 3rd chapter.

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me – the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts;

see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 16

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

R: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

R: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

R: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

R: You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness
of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 9:6-15

**A reading from 2nd Corinthians,
the 9th chapter.**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

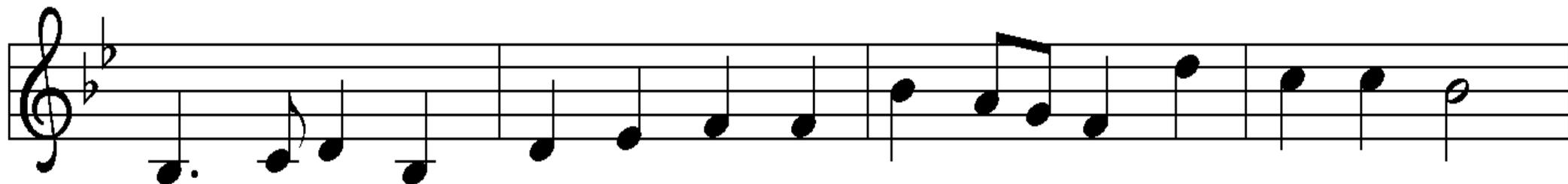
And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

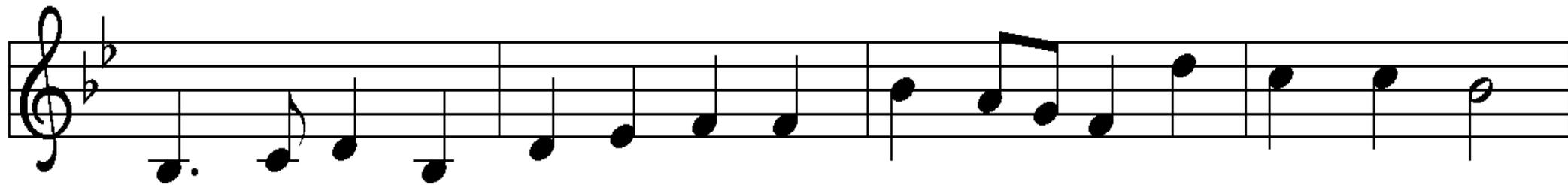
while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

R: Word of God, word of life.

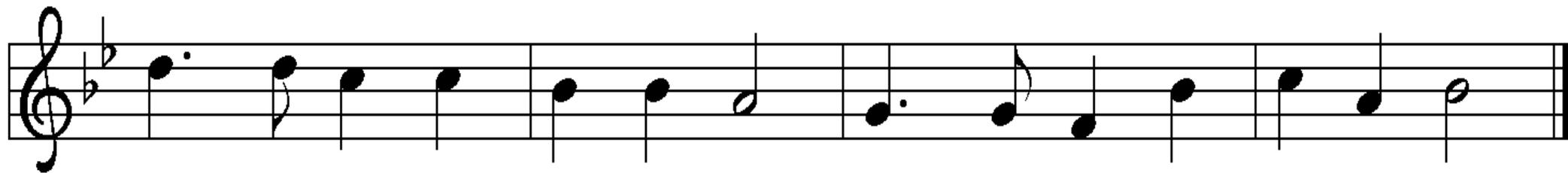
C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:32-38

Our gospel is a reading from Luke, the 6th chapter.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven;
give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap; for the
measure you give will be the
measure you get back."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Thanksgiving and Thanksliving”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

**O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***(*word meaning “universal”;
you may substitute “Christian” if you wish.)***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. (*A brief silence.*) Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You grant us everlasting life.
Through the witness of your saints
who now rest in the Lord, inspire us
in our lives of faithful service.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
***“Cast My Cares”* by Finding Favour**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

**P: Let us give thanks and praise
to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give God thanks
and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with
grace and mercy. The Lord look upon
you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**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 all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*Happy
Thanksgiving
to everyone!*