

**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**November 26, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

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**Welcome in Jesus' name.** Please consider using the prelude as a time for meditation and silent prayer. This is the ideal time for quiet preparation, as we come to worship God. Holy Communion is celebrated tonight. All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available – please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

**\*GATHERING HYMN: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* – Hymn 693**

**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.**

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING – Pastor Toni Brewster**

**P:** Let us give thanks to God for our country and for our president, for ballot boxes, newspaper editorials, and open borders.

**C: For all the freedoms we enjoy.**

**P:** Let us give thanks for this vast world, for diplomats, treaties, and compromise.

**C: For peace in a world of war.**

**P:** For police officers, streetlights, and concerned neighbors.

**C: For safety from fear and harm.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to God for the Scriptures, for creeds and confessions, for the songs and hymns of God's people.

**C: For all good things in our heritage of faith.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to God for a marvelous creation, a redeeming Son, and a transforming Spirit.

**C: For all the benefits of our salvation.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to God for purple and orange sunsets, bright red flowers, great gray elephants, and the vast blackness of space.

**C: For all the wonders, God, of your creative mind.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for Mozart, Michelangelo, and Milton, for pianos, paint brushes, and pencils.

**C: For all the wonders of our creative minds, made in your image, O Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

**C: For the abundance of food that sustains our bodies.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for soft beds, warm fires, familiar chairs, and open windows.

**C: For the abundant comfort of our homes.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for cars that run, brand-new shoes, and long, hot showers.

**C: For God's goodness that flows above and beyond our needs.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for healthy immune systems, for gifted doctors and nurses, for the miracle of science.

**C: For the strength and health of our bodies.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for crossword puzzles, learning foreign languages, and the physics that hold our universe in balance.

**C: For healthy, strong minds.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for newborn babies, pesky little brothers, wise grandmothers, favorite uncles, loving parents, and fresh fiancées.

**C: For the families that shaped our lives.**

P: Let us give thanks to God for men and women with dark skin and light skin, freckles and curls, pug noses and beards, graceful limbs, and ample laps.

**C: For all the beautiful diversity of people, all over the world, who make up the one family of God, bound together in Jesus Christ.**

P: For all these things, we give thanks and praise to God.

**C: Amen**

**CHOIR:** "With Joyful Thanksgiving" by Nancy Price and Don Besig

**Psalm 65** (*To be read responsively by whole verse*) – Pastor Toni Brewster

Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

**O you who answer prayer!**

**To you all flesh shall come.**

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.

**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.

**By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.**

You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds  
are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning  
and the evening shout for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

\*Pastor Aanonson: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth  
chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 17:11—19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor David Aanonson

*Silent time for reflection*

"It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**\*HYMN: *Praise and Thanksgiving*** – Hymn 689

## **\*NICENE CREED**

P: Using the words of the Nicene Creed let us confess our holy faith:

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead,  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**\*PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** (*No monetary offering will be collected this evening*)  
**COLLECTION OF CANNED FOOD OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY:** *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation* – Hymn 734

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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 to the Lord our God.

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

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**HYMN: *Here Is Bread*** – Hymn 483

## **COMMUNION**

Hymns Sung during Holy Communion:

Hymn 870: *We Praise You, O God*

Hymn 840: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hymn 879: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*(You many remain seated)*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**CHOIR:** "Now We Thank You, Lord" by Williams and Nolan

## **\*BLESSING**

**P:** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell  
Postlude

**Participants:**

Presiding Minister	Pastor David Aanonson
Assisting Minister	Reverend Toni Brewster
Pianist	Rachel Bousselot
Choir Director	Diane Christensen
Acolytes	Kale Whitman, Karragan Whitman
Holy Communion Servers	Andrea Shelton Deb Detlefs
Ushers	Marilyn Schau, Larry Schau Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm

Following the worship service, if you are able, please return to the dining hall to help carry out the canned goods and to help clean up and do the dishes. Thanks for your help!

**"If the only prayer  
you said  
in your whole life was  
'Thank You'  
that would suffice."**

- Meister Eckhart

## " Simple Gifts "

was written by Elder Joseph while he was at the Shaker community in Alfred, Maine in 1848. These are the lyrics to his one-verse song:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain'd,

To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,

To turn, turn will be our delight,

'Til by turning, turning we come round right.