

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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(VISITING) PASTOR CLIFFORD POWERS

THANKSGIVING EVE 7:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 23, 2022

PRE-SERVICE REFLECTION

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

But, above all we adore thy mercy in sending Your only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee.

Prelude

Greeting

Opening Hymn: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 892

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Our God truly is Holy, just, merciful and mighty. He loves us with a never ending love. So let's pause right now to acknowledge before our gracious God, our sins and our sinfulness and ponder His faithfulness.

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

P&C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have

done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

P: Our loving heavenly Father has heard our cry for mercy and sent His Son Jesus to be our Savior. He suffered and died for you and me so that we might be restored in our relationship with God. So be at peace, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: The Spirit lifts us and empowers us to stand firm in our faith. Amen.

Psalm of Thanksgiving: Psalm 106:1-5, 47-48

P: Praise the LORD,

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love endures forever.

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare His praise?

C: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

P: Remember me, LORD when You show favor to Your people,

C: come to my aid when You save them,

P: that I may enjoy the prosperity of Your chosen ones,

C: that I may share in the joy of Your nation and join Your inheritance in giving praise.

P: Save us, Oh LORD our God,

C: And gather us from the nations,

P: That we may give thanks to Your holy name,

C: and glory in Your praise.

P: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

C: Let all the people say "Amen!"

P: Praise the LORD!

C: Amen!

Song of Praise: *We Gather Together*

Words & Music: Eduard Kremser, Theadore Baker, Public Domain, 1997 Integrity's Hosanna!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philipians 4:4-20

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Affirmation of Faith (*Apostle's Creed*)

C: 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 hell. 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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* 806

Message (Philippians 4:4-20)

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* 895

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, You give us more than we know, more than we notice, and more than we deserve. Open our eyes to Your gifts and grace that we may respond with thankful hearts and use honorably and in faith all that You have given to us.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Lord God, You give us the gift of faith, that by the Holy Spirit we may not doubt or fear but believe in You and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. Help us use our time to faithfully share the good news of

Jesus, that everyone might know what You have done to save us and the whole world.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Lord God, You have given our nation many blessings, including land, resources, wealth, and liberty. Make us content with what You have given us and open our hearts to share Your abundance with those who are in need.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: O God, You surround us with Your love and care, especially when our needs are the greatest. We pray that You would bring relief to those who suffer, healing to those who are afflicted, peace to those who are dying, and comfort to those who mourn, especially those who we now silently name in our hearts and minds.... Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Lord God, You give peace that the world cannot give, we pray that You would bring that peace to all nations, quiet those voices of war and violence, and release those who suffer at the hands of persecution. Bless those who serve in the armed forces near and far for the sake of freedom.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Lord God, teach us how to live holy, good, and upright lives that we might reflect Your light to those who are around us. Keep us from pride and arrogance and give us humble hearts of faith, seeking Your will and Your glory.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Lord God, You hear and answer all of our prayers; teach us to always trust You and to be content with Your answer, that with a confident and peaceful heart we might serve You all of our days.

C: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

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.

Benediction

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: may the name of the Lord be praised.

P: The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, remain with you now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Before You, Lord, We Bow* 966

Postlude

Those Who Serve Us:

Altar Guild: Jaya Lakra

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Projectionist: Christopher Bolger

