

# St. Mark Lutheran Church

## Thanksgiving Eve

November 27, 2013

**C:** Thank you, Lord, for the gift of salvation. Help us cling to it with a trust that never lets go, a faith that never gives up, and a peace that the world cannot give.

**M:** We bring all these requests before you, dear Lord, and ask you to hear us. But above all we give ourselves to you that we may serve, thank, and praise you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight:

**C:** Take what we have, gracious Lord, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our possessions and offerings, and use them to your glory. We ask all this in Jesus' name, who has also taught us to pray,

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.

### BLESSING

**M:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** Amen.

### HYMN 250

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

### GREETING

### PRAYER

**C:** Dear Almighty God, I enter your house on this Thanksgiving Eve, to thank you for the many spiritual and material blessings which you have given to me. As I hear your Word and sing your praises, help me to remember my greatest treasure, Jesus Christ my Savior! May knowing him and his love lead me to make every day of my life a day of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

### HYMN 615

We Thank You For Your Blessings

### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**C:** I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**M:** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

**C:** Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, the maker of heaven and earth.

**M:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;

**C:** come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

**M:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**C:** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,  
While of your richer gifts we're unaware.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds.  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways,  
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs. (CW 482 s. 1, 3)

#### ABSOLUTION

**M:** God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Give thanks to the Lord. He provides us with everything we need for life. Give thanks to the Lord. He forgives our sins. Therefore by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I assure you. Your sins have been washed away.

**HYMN 241** **Alleulia! Let Praises Ring**

**FIRST LESSON** **DEUTERONOMY 8:17,18**

**HYMN 612 s. 1** **PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE**

**SECOND LESSON** **EPHESIANS 5:15-20**

**HYMN 256** **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**GOSPEL** **LUKE 17:11-19**

#### LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**What does this mean?**

God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

**What then is meant by daily bread?**

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, fields and flocks, money and goods, a godly family, good workers, good government, honest leaders, good citizens, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, loyal friends and good neighbors.

**HYMN 610**

**NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

**SERMON**

**PSALM 103:1**

**PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS LOVE**

**HYMN 609**

**WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER**

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Lord God, Maker and Preserver of all, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day:

**C:** **We are not worthy of the mercies you show us. We have not deserved your goodness this past year.**

**M:** May the Word we have heard on this day take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives, so that we always acknowledge you as the giver of all our blessings.

**C:** **May your Word encourage us to shine like lights in this sinful world. Help us to give you thanks, not only on this festival, but every day as we receive blessings from your gracious hand.**