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Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Giving Thanks

Ephesians 5:15-20

- August 15, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 am-Traditional Service

10:30 am-Contemporary Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people.** If you are not fully vaccinated we ask that you still wear your mask in accordance with local and national guidelines.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like you are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

August 15, 2021 8:30 am Service

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

“Holy Manna” – arr. David Kidwell

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

P: Give thanks to God!

C: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

P: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

C: We thank God, when we can and as we can, even in struggles, solitude, and in fear.

P: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

P: Give thanks to God and worship in his name: Father, Son + and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come” LSB 892

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.

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For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offences 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 Thou 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Christ, our Lord, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise. For the rain, the harvest, the flowers, the mountains, the birds, the leaves; for paychecks, clothing, shelter, and tasty food, Lord, we say thank You. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: O Lord of All Good Gifts,

C: O God, we know that we forget about You, we forget to love You, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank You. Please forgive us for these times. Grant us clear minds to know You, new hearts to love You, and strong hands to serve You. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to You. In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Filled with the Holy Spirit and give thanks as you hear these words! God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. You can trust God's word. His Word says you are forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Psalm 111

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

SERMON HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” TCH 793 verses 1, 2, 4, 5

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Refrain

For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:

Refrain

For Thyself, best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

SERMON

Giving Thanks

Ephesians 5:15-20

Pastor Matt Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

"Resting in His Goodness" – *Edward Broughton*

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our 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.

PRE-COMMUNION HYMN

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart" *LSB 806 x3*

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" *(repeat)*

Give thanks, Give thanks.

COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” *LSB 807 verses 1, 2, 4, 5*

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Sing, sun and stars of space,
Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
Both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.

“Gigue” – G.F. Handel



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Team:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke
Elder:	Frank Peto
Organist:	Karen Tiffany Burgess
Reader:	Barb Tonkinson

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Praise God:

- **God of all goodness, we give you praise and thanks for all the blessings of this life.** We are grateful for the gift of food, and the opportunity we have to feed others in your name; the blessing of shelter, and the challenge before us to care for the homeless; the love of friends and family, and your call to love those who are lost and alone; the fellowship of the church, and the presence of Christ in the lives of our needy brothers and sisters. You have given us much, Holy Lord, and you expect much of us. Help us to accept your blessings and your challenges with gratitude, and may we find that, through your grace, blessings become challenges and challenges become blessings.
- **We are grateful for your presence with us in all things, especially in times of challenge and change.** We thank you for times of rest and reunion this summer, for opportunities to see those we have been missing during times of lockdown. Bless all our families and friends in your love!
- **Thank you for the service of those in our military, and all first responders.** Give them wisdom, courage, and competence in dangerous situations. Heal those who are wounded, and shelter those who fall in the line of duty. Bring swiftly and safely home those whose work is not yet done; and grant us all your peace.

In Our Prayers:

- **Lord of the harvest, we rejoice in the bounty of your world; we thank you for the rich harvests it produces.** As we do so, we remember those who do not have enough. Teach us all to value people more than things. Above all, help us to set our hearts in your kingdom of love and justice, and to seek to do your will here on earth, as servants of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **We pray for the families and communities facing fire and flood, watching and worrying about what will remain of their homes and hometowns.** Protect those who fight fires and conduct rescues, and open our hearts in generosity to do what we can to assist recovery.
- **As Wisdom sets her feast before everyone, move the hearts of earthly rulers to heed her invitation and sit at her table.** Feed them all they need to think, speak, and act in accordance with your will. Let all who are entrusted to their care prosper and live in peace.
- **We pray for all those who are suffering this summer: those who face pain or illness and all who are anxious about what lies ahead.** Bring courage and comfort to those who are struggling, and open our hearts to offer the friendship and companionship.
- **We pray Lord that your comfort, care, love, and peace would surround Dorothy and the whole Hummel family in this time of sorrow as they mourn the loss our brother in Christ, Hal Hummel.** We pray Lord that we could surround them, even if not locally, but spiritually with prayer and words of encouragement. Through this time of mourning may we all look to the hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and know that because he lives we too shall live!

Weekly Personal Study Guide

Giving Thanks

What are 5 things you are thankful for today?

How might listing things we are grateful for on a continual (daily) basis be a beneficial spiritual practice?

What might it look like for you to be “careful” about how you live? How might mindful or spiritual practices like prayer, Scripture reading, journaling, and other practices develop a “careful” or attentive way of living?

How does speaking psalms, songs, and spiritual songs, help us give thanks as a church? How can doing this help us share thanksgiving within our local community?

Looking at verse 20, why is it critical we are always giving thanks in the name of Jesus our Lord? How does this gird us up in the hard times, when it is tough to give thanks?

How might intentionally noticing and expressing gratitude be a core discipleship practice that builds up us as individuals and becomes a unifying feature of our community life in the church?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up-We Conclude our Series Geared Up For Life!

Make sure to join us next week at 10 am as we come to the finish line of our series, "Geared Up for Life." Over the last 6 weeks we have seen how we are called by God to go forth finely tuned for sharing Gospel Hope. The author of Ephesians wants us to realize that we are not left without resources as we seek to be made into disciples and to make disciples. In a way, this is the gear we have been "gearing up for life" throughout the series. So, what are these tools and how do we employ them in our daily lives? Join us next week in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10 am to strap on the armor of God and conclude our series, "Geared Up for Life!"

Join Us August 29th as we start our new series, "Faith That Works!"

James gives us a chance to reflect on the nature of Christian service and how we can continue our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by engaging with our wider community in acts of service. One thing that is clear from current sociological research is that getting involved in providing real help to better our neighborhoods and to lift up the individuals and families within them is an easy entry into the worship life of the church. James asks us to maintain an outward focus, even when we gather for worship. So, August 29th through the month of September we invite you to engage with James as we put our faith to work!

Looking For Readers

We are looking to expand our pool of readers for Sunday morning. If you would like to serve in this amazing way of reading God's Word please let Suzy Lindeke know and she will get you on the schedule! Thanks!

Stewardship Thoughts—Ephesians 5:6-7

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them." The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, "I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word." We are the Lord's servants, therefore we cling to His Word.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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