Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

Welcome to the Family!

THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE

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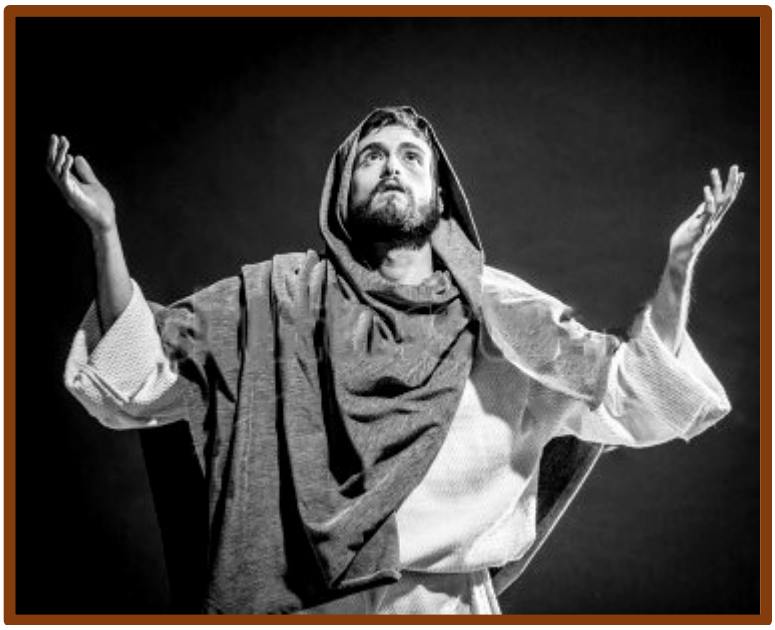

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good"

Pastor's Greeting

Invocation: (*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

Exhortation *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination).

The Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 *John 20:21*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN **COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME** ***LBS 892 STS.1-4***

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PSALM 95:1–7A; ANTIPHON: V. 7A

P: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

P: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

P: The sea is His, for he made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For He is our God,

C: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE KYRIE *LSB 186*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray*: 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

C: Amen.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 8:1-10

Reader: "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God

disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 145:15-16; Psalm 107:1

P: The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Reading of the Holy Gospel according St. Luke 19:1-10

C: Glory to You O Lord!

P: He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

SERMON HYMN GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART *LSB 806*

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SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer requests may be submitted online at www.FamilyofChristLutheranAZ.org or emailed to Pastor@familyofchristlutheranaz.org or Prayer@familyofchristlutheranaz.org)

P: For the richness of His creation and for His grace to sustain what He has made, for the bounty of resources that sustain our daily lives, and for the good fruit of the earth by which we and all creatures are fed and nourished, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the commands that protect us against harm and guide us into all that is good and pleasing to the Lord, for the Gospel by which we enjoy forgiveness and life, and for courage to share this blessed Word with those who do not know the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the government and order in our land and in the world; for those who lead us in this nation and for all leaders of all nations; and for the blessing of justice, the protection of life and the promotion of virtue, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who suffer illness of body or mind, for those who sorrow at the loss of those they love, for those near death, and especially for Inge, Gerri, _____, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood, for faith to receive this gift with joy, for the will and desire to amend our sinful lives, and for grace to show forth in our lives the fruits of Christ's redemption, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For thankful hearts, that we may not forget the poor and those in need; for generosity, that we may supply from our abundance those in want; and for the tithes and offerings we bring in gratitude for all God's gifts, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our vocations and occupations, for the gift of labor and the privilege of enjoying the fruits of that labor, and for the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In faithful remembrance of the saints who went before us, for grace to rejoice in the mercies the Lord showed to them in their lives, and for the promised day of reunion when the dead in Christ shall be raised and we shall join them in everlasting light and life, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: In all things, O Lord, grant to us grace not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought, but to honor You above all and to love our neighbors as ourselves. On our own we have nothing that will endure, but You have granted to us all things in Christ and the life that does not end. Hear Your people for the sake of and in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with whom, in whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: Gracious Father, in mercy and love You sent Your beloved Son Jesus to die for our sins so we can receive the gift eternal of life. Lord, as we go our separate ways let us cling to Your Word. Thank you for gathering us in this place to be fed by Your Word and by Your Son's very Body and Blood. Let Your peace be upon our hearts embracing everything You have taught us so that we may bear the fruits of faith in our lives. Grant that the Light of Christ shine before us to the glory of Your Holy name. This we pray through Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever:

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 218*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

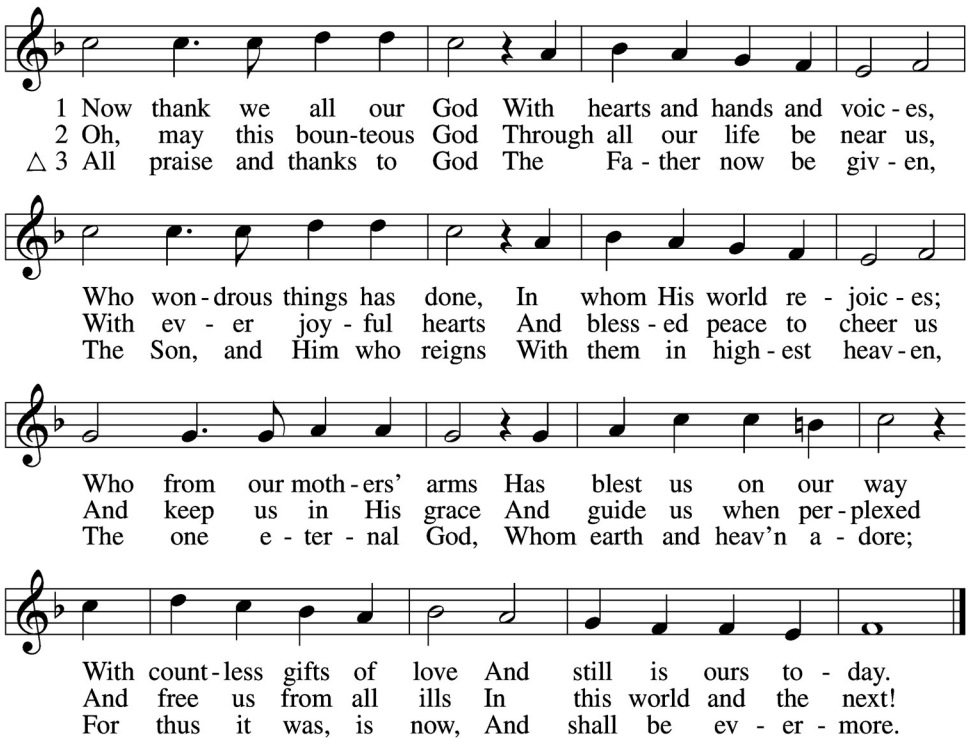
C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD *LSB 895 STS.1-3*



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This Week at Family of Christ
11/25 – 12/2

Today

6:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday

No Confirmation Class

Friday

No Men's Bible Study

Sunday (First Sunday in Advent)

9:30AM Divine Worship

11:00AM Bible Study on Large Catechism

Wednesday

6:00PM Mid-week Advent Service

Upcoming

Wednesday Evening Advent Services will be at 6:00PM on the 9th and 16th.

PLEASE NOTE: *Church Services and Bible Studies are currently offered in person and via Zoom. In-person meetings follow all CDC-recommended protocols.*

Pastor is available upon request for: *(call the Church office or Pastor's cell to schedule)*

- ✝ Individual Confession and Absolution
- ✝ Home, hospital or nursing home visits
- ✝ Communion
- ✝ Prayer

Offerings can be mailed to the church or sent via Zelle® directly from your bank to:
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