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WELCOME! To the friends who know us we renew our welcome; to the stranger we extend it most sincerely. Our message is: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of all people.* Two restrooms are located in the narthex and two off the entrance to the fellowship hall downstairs. There is an elevator at the main doors.

Thanksgiving – November 23, 2017

Thanks for our Daily Bread

(Based on Martin Luther's Explanation
of the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer)

Welcome

Opening Hymn 609 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

We Acknowledge Our Daily Bread as a Gift From God

P: Give us this day our daily bread.

C: God give daily bread, even when we do not pray for it. Even to those who do not deserve it.

P: Give us this day our daily bread.

C: We ask in this prayer that God would help us to realize his goodness, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Hymn 610 v.1 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices,
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

M: Give us this day our daily bread.

C: Daily bread includes everything we need for this life, such as:

Men: food and clothing,

Women: home and property,

Men: work and income,

Women: a devoted family,

Men: an orderly community,

Women: good government,

Men: favorable weather,

Women: peace and health,

Men: a good reputation,

Women: and true friends and neighbors

Hymn 610 v.2 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

P: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God.

C: Jesus Christ is the Word of God, made flesh for us. He is the Bread of Life.

M: Give us this day our daily bread.

C: God gives daily bread, even to those who do not deserve it. We ask in this prayer that God would help us to realize his goodness, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Hymn 610 v.1-3 "Now Thank We All Our God"

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Day

P: Heavenly Father and Bountiful provider, we praise you as the Giver of our daily bread- what we need each day to live. We thank you for blessings far beyond daily necessities in this land of abundance. But we especially honor you for the Bread of life- your Son and our Savior Jesus. As sinners who deserve none of these blessings, may we marvel at your grace and give you sincere thanks today and every day.

C: Hear our prayer and receive our thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-11

Page 733 in the Pew Bible

Psalm Psalm 104

P: How many are your works, O Lord!

C: In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

P: These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

C: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

P: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field;

C: The wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.

P: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth;

C: Wine that gladdens the human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

Hymn 334 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Second Lesson: John 6:32-35, 48-51, 58 Page 1056 in the Pew Bible

Our Confession of Faith

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of hymn 234 and also Martin Luther’s explanation of the first article of the Apostle’s Creed.

Hymn 234 v.1 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of Creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

C: I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day.

Hymn 234 v.2 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things
Is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
Uplifting, sustaining
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining.

C: God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it.

Hymn 234 v.4 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, who will
Prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

C: Therefore I ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Hymn 234 v.5 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him!

Sermon: Deuteronomy 8:3

Page 180 in the Pew Bible

Choir: “Thankful People Raise Your Song”

The Gathering of Our Thank Offerings

Our Prayers of Thanks

P: O merciful God, we thank and praise you:

C: For the gift of your Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

P: O merciful God, we thank and praise you:

C: For the gift of Your Holy Spirit, who has created in our hearts life-giving faith.

P: O merciful God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For the gift of eternal life and the sure hope of a home in heaven with You. Your mercies to us are new every day.**

P: O gracious God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For the land You have given us, enriching it to provide bountiful crops, and clothing it with grass for flocks and herds.**

P: O gracious God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For the nation we live in, the government which rules us, and for the peace and many freedoms You grant us through these Your servants. Indeed, Your mercies to us are new every day.**

P: O gracious God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For the abilities You have given us, enabling us to study and learn, to work and earn, to serve You by serving others.**

P: O gracious God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For the days of health, for granting us a healthy body after sickness, for delivering us from all harm and danger.**

P: O gracious God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For loving spouses, children, parents, relatives; for concerned friends and neighbors. Indeed, Your mercies to us are new every day.**

P: O merciful God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For this house in which we worship You and receive the strengthening of our faith through Word and sacrament; for the opportunity to serve You here and everywhere we go.**

P: O merciful God, we thank and praise you:

C: **For our fellow members and our pastor; for the privilege of taking the gospel to our friends, neighbors and co-workers. Indeed, Your mercies to us are new every day.**

P: For all the blessings of body and soul which you freely and daily bestow on us:

C: **We give thanks to You, O God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer and Praise

Hymn 618 v.1 "Before the Lord We Bow"

Before the Lord we bow,
The God who reigns above
And rules the world below
In boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring; In joy and praise
Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Hymn 618 v.2 "Before the Lord We Bow"

The nation you have blessed
May well your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by your care.
For this fair land, For this bright day
Our thanks we pay – Gifts of your hand.

C: **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.**

Hymn 618 v.3 "Before the Lord We Bow"

May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in your Word's pure light
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song!

C: **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 618 v.3 "Before the Lord We Bow"

Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own.
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship him alone.
Cast down your pride! Your sin deplore
And bow before The Crucified!

The Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen, Amen, Amen**

Closing Hymn 615 "We Thank You for Your Blessings"