

“Thank the Lord for His Forgiveness! It is always a Gift!”

Immanuel Lutheran Church

September 15, 2024 at 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Service with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 525 Tune *“Give Him our Thanks and Praise”*

Give Him our thanks and praise The Son of God our Lord
Give honor to His holy name Showing He is adored
By we who He has cleansed By we who are His own
Our thanks goes out to Him each day The One on His own throne.

Proclaim His holy name Point others to His grace
Help them to see His loving hands Which He does now embrace
All those who need to see His depth of love for we
Who are His own by His own means And ever shall we'll be.

He shed His blood for us To cleanse us of our sin
We thank and praise His holy name His Spirit's now within
Our hearts so that we may Proclaim His holy ways
And shout out praise that honors Him And blesses others' days

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The Father created all things through His Word **C:** *We thank and praise Him for the beauty and wonder of His creation!*

P: The Son is the creating Word which brought life into being **C:** *We give our thanks for the life He has given and the life He places before us forever.*

P: The Holy Spirit creates faith in the heart of sinners **C:** *We thank Him for making us God's own children through His Means of Baptism!*

P: Our Triune God grants us eyes to see and ears to hear **C:** *We in faith and thanks, praise Him and share His Gospel message.*

P: His gift of faith has enlightened our minds and hearts **C:** *We joyfully give Him thanks for the loving kindness and mercy He showers upon all His own.*

P: He grants us His cleansing forgiveness and sees us as worthy to be His own. **C:** *He looks upon us through the Blood of His Son and sees us in the light of His perfect Son.*



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Psalmody: *Psalm 86 (Selective Verses)*

- P: Be gracious to me, O Lord C: *For to You do I cry all the day*
P: Gladden the soul of Your servant C: *For to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.*
P: For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving C: *Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.*
P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; C: *Listen to my plea for grace.*
P: In the day of trouble I call upon You C: *For You answer me.*
P: All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, C: *And shall glorify Your name.*
P: For You are great and do wondrous things C: *You alone are God.*
P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; C: *Unite my heart to fear Your name.*
P: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, C: *And I will glorify Your name forever.*
P: For great is Your steadfast love toward me; C: *You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.*
P: But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, C: *Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: *Holy and gracious Father, giver of all things and only hope of all mankind; provide us a heart which is thankful each day. Open our eyes to see the multitude of blessings placed into our lives by Your mercy and abundant love. As Your own, may we bring honor to Your name and be used by You to uplift and enlighten others to the joy they have been given; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn: *tune 537 "Praise and Thanksgiving"*

Praise and thanksgiving Loud adorations We pro - claim our Lord and God
He has made us His own His freely paid the price He shed His blood to cleanse us all.

We give You our thanks We shout out Your name We boldly tell of Your great love
We are blessed by You En-riched by all You do. Saved by Your lov-ing grace so new.

Thanks comes from the heart Thanks comes from the soul Thanks by grace; His gift of faith.
We know His blessings We know His goodness We know His love; and for-give-ness.

Thank our Lord for showing kindness Thank the Lord for all He's done
Thank the Lord for healing illness Thank the Lord for He is One!
Thank the Lord for walking near us Thank the Lord for standing tall
Thank the Lord for proudly holding Each of us so we won't fall.

Thank the Lord for granting wisdom Thank the Lord for bringing grace.
Thank the Lord for off'ring insight To the truths found in this place.
Thank our God for never changing Thank our God for His strong hand.
Thank our Father for forgiving All His own in this our land.

Children's Sermon "We Can Forgive" Sermon Offering brought to the Altar

Confession of Sins: *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, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive 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: 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of the Elements

Distribution Hymn: *"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" 627*

Closing Hymn: *"We Praise You, O God" 785*

Closing Collect of Thanks: *Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life, until with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Benediction

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O.T. Lesson: *Ezra 3: 10 – 13* When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: "He is good; His love toward Israel endures forever."

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Epistle Lesson: *Romans 14: 5-9* One man considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone, and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 5: 17-25* One day as He was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'" But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" --- He said to the man who was paralyzed -- "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (Back of Hymnal)

Hymn: Tune 540 "Thank the Lord for all His Blessings!"

Thank the Lord for all His blessings Thank the Lord for He is good!
Thank the Lord for showing mercy Thank the Lord who understood!
We were lost and we were helpless, we were bound in sin and shame
He did open hearts to bring us Into heaven in His reign!