

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ 875 Sunflower Drive ~ DuBois, PA ~ (814) 371-2470

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Thanksgiving Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m. ~ November 22, 2020

PRELUDE/WELCOME:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offenses 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 then 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!

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

*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.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

A: The First Lesson is from the 26th chapter of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

A: The Second Lesson is from the 9th chapter of 2 Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Pastor John*

HYMN: *We Gather Together*

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free! Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS:

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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

OFFERTORY (8:30): How Majestic is Your Name ~ *Colleen Russell, pianist; Ken Waznak, organist*

OFFERTORY:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray:

C: A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and there he became a great nation. When the Egyptians treated us harshly, we cried to the Lord. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and he brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S 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**

LAMB OF GOD:

*C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

*C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

PRAYER:

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

We plow the fields and scatter The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered By God’s almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain. *Refrain*

*Refrain: All good gifts around us Are sent from heav’n above.
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord For all his love.*

He only is the maker Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him; By him the birds are fed.
Much more to us, his children, He gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank you, our creator, For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer For all your love imparts,
But what you most would treasure—Our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:30-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

Thursday-Happy Thanksgiving

Fri-Nov 27-Office Closed / 11:00-Noon-Communion Distribution

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Nov 29-6:30-Part One of *The Chosen*

Mon-Nov 30-9:30-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Dec 1-2:00-Bible Study

Fri-Dec 4-11:00-Noon-Communion Distribution

Sat-Dec 5-10:00-5:00-Ring Bell for Salvation Army

We thank Colleen Russell and Ken Waznak for the special music this morning.

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-32; 9:45-48; 11:00-29

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Sandra Dunlap on her Birthday by James Dunlap & Family.

Thanksgiving Food Donations. . . Thanks to all who brought a non-perishable food item to worship today for the Food Pantry.

Pointsztias for Christmas Evz . . . Order forms are on the tables in the narthex. **ORDER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 29.**

"Treasures for Children" There are only three Treasures for Children star wish list tags left for the taking, located on the bulletin board by each entrance. All gifts should be unwrapped and placed under the tree in the narthex by **Sunday December 8.**

Christmas Caroling. . . join us **Sunday December 13** from 2-4 p.m. as we joyfully celebrate the season. We will make cards then go "live" on Facebook with a medley of carols sung outside in the church yard or pavilion. Finally, we will carol at the homes of several shut-ins, traveling separately. "To-go" snacks will be provided. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We invite all children (ages 3 and older) to take part in Christmas Eve worship at 8 p.m. There will be practice in the fellowship hall (during contemporary worship) at 9:45 a.m. on *Sunday December 6* and *13*. The final rehearsal is *Sunday December 20* from 2-4 p.m. We will take precautions, wear masks, and socially distance. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

November is Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries Harvest Home Month. Donation envelopes are in the narthex.

Special Advent series Sunday nights, **November 29 - December 20** at 6:30. We will watch 4 episodes of *The Chosen*, concluding with the Christmas episode. In the episodes, Bible stories come to life and can touch your heart in a new and deeper way. Plan to take part!

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army . . . **Saturday December 5** at Big Lots (DuBois Mall), 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Due to Covid restrictions, the Salvation Army is requesting ONLY ONE PERSON PER TIME SLOT. SEVERAL TIME SLOTS REMAIN.** Please consider giving ½ hour or an hour of your time to raise money for those less fortunate in our area to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Mission of the Month: DuBois Area Food Pantry. The Food Pantry serves hundreds of families in our community each month. If you would like to make a donation, *please make your check payable to DuBois Area Food Pantry.* You may drop it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" or mail it to the Food Pantry at PO Box 157, DuBois, PA 15801.

Food Pantry Items for are egg noodles and/or hamburger helper.