

Thanksgiving



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LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged in Spirit-filled Service.



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The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father;

C: who richly and daily supplies us with all we need for this body and life;

P: in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ;

C: who purchased and won us, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death;

P: in the name of the Holy Spirit;

C: who calls me by the Gospel, sanctifies and keeps me in the one true faith, just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Amen.

Hymn 892

Come, Ye Thankful People Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

Our Confession and Forgiveness

P: Heavenly Father, we have been so richly blessed by You.

C: Yet we confess, Father, that we easily forget all the blessings of this life that You shower on us every day. We get caught up in this life and forget that You are the giver of all good things.

All: Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

P: Dear Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to be our Savior.

C: Yet, dear Savior, we so often forget the agony You suffered on our behalf, and how You willingly took the punishment of our sins upon Yourself to give us forgiveness and life.

All: Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy Spirit, You have called us to faith in Jesus Christ, and have continued to work in our hearts and lives to mold us into the people You have called us to be.

C: We must confess, however, that we often forget our calling as Your holy people, and live as if it did not matter.

All: Forgive us, Lord. Continue Your sanctifying work within our hearts and lives.

P: Although we often forget that every blessing comes from God, God still remembers His covenant, in which He promises, "For I will forgive their wickedness, and remember their sins no more." *Jeremiah 31:34*

Therefore, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thank You, Lord, for remembering Your promises to us!

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹ Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:6-20

⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply

every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Our Response of Faith

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

P: Most gracious God, Your goodness surrounds us and often surprises us.

C: Your presence and promises support us in our daily journey.

P: Create in us thankful hearts as we walk in Your goodness.

C: Bring us joy as we live out our calling as Your dearly loved children.

P: Lord, You have saved us from the curse of sin, the sting of death, the

clutches of hell, and the power of the devil.

C: May our gratitude to You be reflected in everything we do. We give thanks for the gift of Jesus, the world's Savior! We come in His name, rejoicing in Your grace and complete forgiveness. We come to thank you.

Hymn of Praise: 785

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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The Message

The Offering

To Our Guests: We do not charge for any of our services. All our services, programs, and expenses are freely supported by the gifts and offerings of our members. As our guests, you have not been invited for what you can give, but for what God can give you. The Offering is collected at the main door.

The Prayers

P: With thankful hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers and petitions. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages which merit our unending thanks. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the rich harvest from the fields of our land. Bountiful Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the world, where thankfulness sometimes is in short supply and a spirit of sharing is often lacking. Grant us all things needful for our lives, O God, and direct our deeds that we may be good stewards of the earth. Gracious Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Also, we pray for ourselves, that we would be truly thankful people not only at the time of harvest but in all times and seasons. Precious Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: On this day of joy and thanksgiving, we pray for those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are challenging or difficult. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in, and also those known to us who are in need of prayer. Blessed Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of time and eternity, we thank You for the faithful witness of those who rejoice in Your heavenly presence. May we be inspired by their faithful witness that is our heritage and may we seek to serve You constantly all our days. Eternal Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

The 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.

The 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 and a thankful heart.

C: Amen.

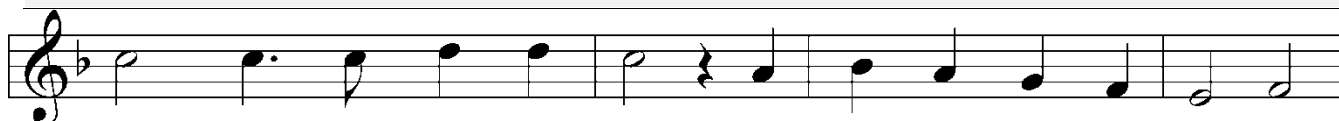
P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

C: His love endures forever.

P: Thank the Lord and sing His praise!

Hymn 895

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.