

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA
Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino, ID

Church of the **L**utheran **C**onfession

WELCOME!

to all, especially our guests and visitors! It is the prayer of the congregation that today's Thanksgiving worship leaves you with the blessings of our Lord's pure Word.



Prayer: Almighty God, Our heavenly Father, Whose mercies are without number and the treasure of Whose goodness is infinite, we render Thee thanks for all the gifts that Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy compassion, that, as Thou grantest the petitions of those that faithfully ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but prepare them for the reward to come in Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Worship: Psalm 118 p. 148

The Hymns: 36 -- 39 -- 574 -- 568 -- 792

Order of Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 36

PASTOR O Lord, open Thou my lips.

CONGR. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

PASTOR Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

CONGR. **Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We join in the singing of

THE THANKSGIVING PSALMODY

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"The Earth Is The Lord's"

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 "that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 "And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. 5 "And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 'But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 'Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 'So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 'He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 10 'and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.' Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. 11 "So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

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2 Corinthians 9:6-15 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, 14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

A Confession of Faith

*Let us join in Hymn 39 and Martin Luther's Explanation to
The First Article of the Apostle's Creed*

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng: Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!

"I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me."

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

"God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land and animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it."

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

"For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

THE SERMON

Matthew 13:24-30 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

(During the sermon we will sing stanzas from hymn 574)

Theme: "IT ALL COMES OUT IN THE HARVEST"

- I. So be patient as the plants grow
- II. So observe the ways of the wise farmer
- III. So rejoice at the harvest of the wheat

The Offering

Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 568

The Blessing

(Congregation sings) "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Closing Hymn 792

***** **Silent Prayer** *****



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The OT Reading for this Thanksgiving service

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Like the Children of Israel who were delivered by the Lord from the slavery of Egypt, you and I have been delivered from the slavery of sin through the forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus. God also works everything in our lives for our good, and finally guarantees the promised land - heaven. We therefore, rejoice and give thanks for all the good things which the LORD our God has so graciously given us. We read...

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 15:29-38

These verses remind us and enable us to be cheerful in our hearts through the grace that is in Christ Jesus our Savior. The Gospel of our Savior is the reason for genuine Thanksgiving! We read...