

# Day of Thanksgiving

November 26, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Day of Thanksgiving, year A

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At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation, especially in these trying times and in a global pandemic. God still is providing for us abundantly and lovingly. Paul then reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

*Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The links are embedded in this pdf, so you don’t have to return to the email. You can also print these pages and use the links in the email.*



## Centering and Gathering

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Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: “Dank sei dir Herr (Thanks to You, O God)” attr. G. F. Handel (1685-1759)  
*Susan Palo Cherwien, soprano; recorded on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.*

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 870 “We Praise You, O God”  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Day of Thanksgiving, year C, November 28, 2019.*

## Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (Apostolic greeting is on the video)

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. Amen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; reader – Judy Hinck, lector

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup> You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep God’s commandments, ordinances, and statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup> When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. The LORD made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup> and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup> Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is God who gives you power to get wealth, to confirm the covenant that the LORD your God swore to your ancestors, as God is doing today.

PSALMODY: Psalm 65 (*sing along with the leaders; the tone is printed in the video*)

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O <sup>l</sup> God, in Zion; \* to you shall vows <sup>l</sup> be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>To you, the one <sup>l</sup> who answers prayer, \* to you all <sup>l</sup> flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- <sup>l</sup> er than we are, \* but you blot out <sup>l</sup> our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your <sup>l</sup> courts to dwell there! \* They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness <sup>l</sup> of your temple.

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of <sup>l</sup> our salvation, \* O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans <sup>l</sup> far away.

<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains <sup>l</sup> by your power; \* you are girded a- <sup>l</sup> bout with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring <sup>l</sup> of the seas, \* the roaring of their waves, and the clamor <sup>l</sup> of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your <sup>l</sup> marvelous signs; \* you make the dawn and the dusk to <sup>l</sup> sing for joy.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is <sup>l</sup> full of water. \* You prepare the grain, for so you provide <sup>l</sup> for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth <sup>l</sup> out the ridges; \* with heavy rain you soften the ground and <sup>l</sup> bless its increase.

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year <sup>l</sup> with your goodness, \* and your paths over- <sup>l</sup> flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be <sup>l</sup> rich for grazing, \* and the hills be <sup>l</sup> clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- <sup>l</sup> selves with grain; \* let them shout for <sup>l</sup> joy and sing.

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Day of Thanksgiving, November 23, 2017.*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; reader – Art Halbardier, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>The One 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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”

D. Cherwien

*Sung at Mount Olive on the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 33 A, November 19, 2017.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

SERMON

Thankful

Pastor Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection.*

HYMN: ELW 839/840 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 14 C, July 7, 2019.*

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Art Halbardier, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this Thanksgiving Day. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

#### OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. *The Olive Branch* has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

### *Sending*

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LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 881, “Let All Things Now Living”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Day of Thanksgiving, November 28, 2019.*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: March Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, no. 59 Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*Recorded on the Day of Thanksgiving, November 26, 2015.*

