

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 25 & 26, 2020

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THANKSGIVING

Wed- 7:00pm Handbells

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Hymn 610

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Psalm 100

P: Shout to the Lord with joy, all the earth.

C: **Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him with joyful songs.**

P: Know that the Lord is God.

C: **He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courtyards with praise.

C: **Give thanks to him and bless his name.**

P: For the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever.

C: **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Prayer

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Wed – 7:00pm Instrumental

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

The Old Testament Lesson**Habakkuk 3:17-19**

The fig tree may have no buds. The vines may have no grapes. The olive tree may fail to produce. The fields may yield no food. The sheep may be cut off from their flock, and there may be no cattle in the barns, but I will delight in the Lord and rejoice in God who saves me. The Lord God is my strength. He will give me feet like a deer and make me leap along the high hills.

Hymn 612, v 1**Grades 1 & 2**

**Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

The New Testament Lesson**Colossians 3:12-17**

Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymn 612, v 2**Grades 3 & 4**

**All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain --
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

The Thanksgiving Gospel**Mark 6:30-44**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things. It was already late in the day when his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already very late. Send them away so they can go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They asked him, "Should we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?" He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see." When they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." He directed everyone to sit down in groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and blessed the loaves and broke them. Then he kept giving pieces to his disciples to set in front of them. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied. Then they picked up

twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

Hymn 612, v 3

Grades 5 & 6

**Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, True religion's holier beams --
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

Our Thanksgiving Confession of Faith

P: "Give us today our daily bread." What does this mean?

C: **God surely gives us daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P: What, then, is meant by daily bread?

C: **Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors and the like.**

Hymn 612, v 4

Grades 7 & 8

**As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."**

Sermon Theme: God Is Great, and We Are Grateful!

Psalm 96:4a

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Songs of Praise

Hymns 256 & 609 & Bringing Forward of Offerings

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,**

"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!**

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Words of Encouragement & Praise

P: Great is the Lord

C: **And worthy of great praise.**

P: Everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

C: **Giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

P: My God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

C: **Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.**

Announcements

Hymn 260

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

Let All Things Now Living