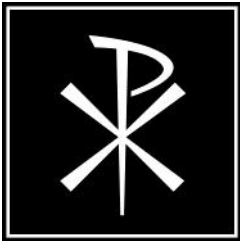




Divine Service

**WE RESPOND TO OUR
LORD'S GOODNESS**



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama
November 24th, 2013

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

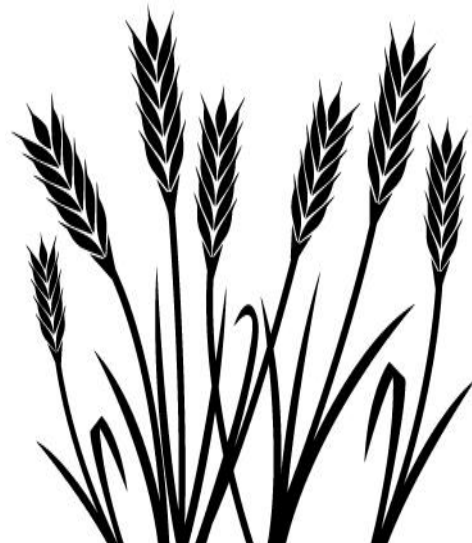
Music: Rhoda Holbrook

Instrumentalists: Olivia Boyce-Sauer, trumpet; Hannah Kratz, clarinet;
Pastor Kratz, baritone.

Ushers: Erik Roberson, Bob Holbrook

Service Leader: Pastor Ben Kratz
Church Office: (205) 677-8642
Cell: (205) 478-6843
Email: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



At this time of national thanksgiving, it is appropriate for us to offer our thanks and praise to God for the many physical and especially spiritual blessings he has showered on us. Chief among these gracious blessings is the forgiveness and new life that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this 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. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

~ **Artwork** by Ian M. Welch. Copyright 2012 Ian M. Welch. All Rights Reserved

~ **Divine Service 2**, " from *Christian Worship Supplement* (Northwestern Publishing House, © 2008). Texts revised from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Music: © 2002 Kermit Moldenhauer. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-702194.

~ **We Are His People** Psalm 100 by David Haas © 1983 G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-702194.

~ **Scripture** is taken from the HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION © NIV® ©1973, 1978, 1984 by International Bible Society. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



DIVINE SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

#234

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

~Please stand

GREETING

(L)eader: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

(C)ongregation: Amen.

THANKSGIVING RESPONSES

L: Thanksgiving has become a secular holiday---a day of food and football. But do you remember the scores from last year's Thanksgiving Day football games? Chances are, unless there was something spectacular about those games, you do not remember the score. Sometimes we forget more than just the score to a football game. We can forget the many blessings our God has showered upon us as individuals, as families, and as a nation. You probably won't remember the scores of the football games this week. Our prayer today is that you will remember all the good things God has done for you, unlike the nine lepers who were healed by Jesus and had thankless attitudes. Come to worship remembering all the good gifts God has given you, especially the greatest gift of all--the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, for your forgiveness. Come as thankful people. Leave today remembering the source of all of your blessings!

L: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion;

Women: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

Men: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

L: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

(Psalm 65:1, 9-11)

~Congregation responds with selected verses from hymn #612, "Praise to God, Immortal Praise."

C: (Sung) **Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of every joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

L: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth.

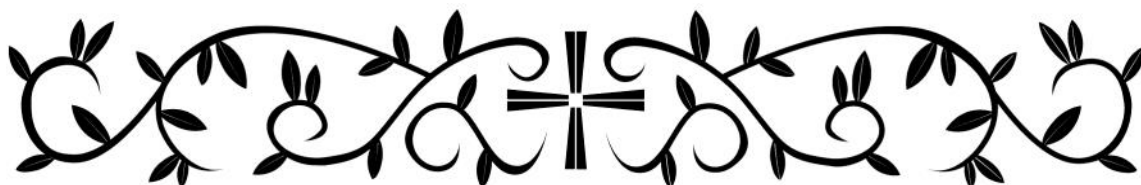
(Psalm 104:14)

C: (Sung) **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.**

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives you all your sins and heals all your diseases.

(Psalm 103:1-3)

C: (Sung) **Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladdning streams, True religion's holier beams—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

- L: Lord God, we come to you this morning to thank you for all the blessings of this past year. As we take time to look back, forgive us for the gifts that went unnoticed, for prayers of thanks that were never offered, and for hearts that didn't appreciate what you have given.
- C: **Dear Lord, you have given us far more that we could ever ask or imagine. We have responded with shallow thankfulness. We admit that we get caught up in our own lives and in the gifts that you have given us. Our lives are spent looking forward to more gifts rather than thanking you for the ones we have. Please forgive us for not giving you the thanks and praise you deserve!**
- L: Lord you invite us to come into your presence and worship you with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, hear us as we acknowledge our sinfulness and plead for your mercy.
- C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- L: The Lord our God has remained faithful to his covenant of grace. In mercy he sent us his Son, Jesus, to become our perfect Lamb. In love this Lamb of God offered himself on the cross and by his holy blood has washed away your sin and guilt forever. By his perfect life and resurrection he has clothed you in the robes of righteousness. 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. Let your thankfulness be evident to all.
- C: (Sung) **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."**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray:

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.**

~Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (pg. 287)

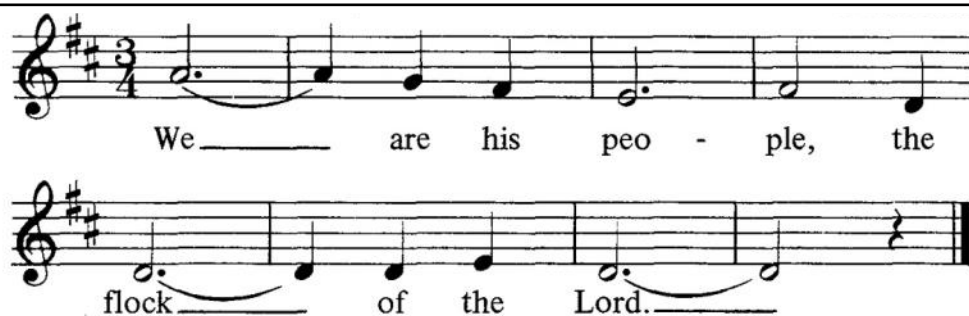


Do not forget to praise the Lord for his blessings!

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 100



The blessings God has given us fill us with joy and cause our hearts to overflow with praise to him.

~The choir will sing the verses. The congregation is invited to join in the repeating refrain.

Choir: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you lands, all you lands.
Serve the Lord now with gladness, come before him singing for joy! **Refrain.**

Know that the Lord is God! Know that the Lord is God!
He made us we are his, his people, the sheep of his flock. **Refrain.**

Go, now within his gates giving thanks, giving thanks.
Enter his courts singing praise, give him thanks and bless his name. **Refrain.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:10-20 (pg. 1830)

Paul gave thanks to God in all circumstances.

¹⁰I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

#609

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 1627)

The congregation stands out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

Jesus heals the ten lepers, but only one returns to thank him.

~Please stand

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

~Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the next hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

HYMN OF THE DAY

#610

Now Thank We All Our God

This hymn of praise is often called the national "Te Deum" of Germany because it has been sung on many occasions of national rejoicing. It was written in the early 1600's.

SERMON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

WE RESPOND TO OUR LORD'S GOODNESS

~Please stand

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

~Please be seated

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

FOOD OFFERING

The children of our Sunday School will bring up some of the food that was donated.

HYMN

#615

We Thank You For Your Blessings

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



PREFACE

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: **It is good and right so to do.**
L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The opening words of the communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ Sanctus

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er
grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

"Sanctus" means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Jesus took bread and
"gave thanks" (Matthew
26:26).*

L: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THIS IS MY
BODY
THIS IS MY
BLOOD



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD ~ *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

~Please be seated



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON ~ *Nunc Dimittis*

The "Nunc Dimittis" ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

~Please stand

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

L: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C: **Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**

BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

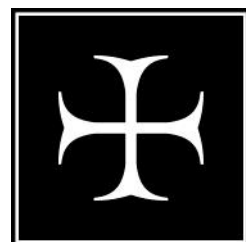
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

~Please be seated



The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

CLOSING HYMN

#334

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



OurSaviorBirmingham.com