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Divine Service-Setting III-The Eve of Thanksgiving **Wednesday, November 23, 2011** **6:30pm**

† **In this complex world** of mass communication we are bombarded with information. Video images flash nearly everywhere we look. Pulsating music blares at every turn. It seems there's nowhere we can go to escape the noise. **Well, here's your chance** to unplug, to step out of the world and its culture and participate in something mystical. Here we will *sing* with angels and archangels. Here we will *listen* to the voice of God through His ancient texts. Here the saints of God will *share* in the very body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This is a holy place, a holy time, a thing that we do - or, rather, that God does in and for us through His Means of Grace. **So, turn off your cell phone**, tune out the cacophony of competing voices, and log in to this moment and the message God has for you today, for He is here to meet you as He has promised.

† **We ask that those desiring to commune** be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the pastor. **Assistive listening devices** are available. If interested, an usher will be happy to assist you.

PRELUDE	We Gather Together	H. Whitford
HYMN	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	LSB 805
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB 184

INTROIT

- P** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- C** **O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**
- P** These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
- C** **When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187 and following

COLLECT

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P The eyes of all look to you, [O Lord,] and you give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

EPISTLE

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

NICENE CREED		LSB 191
HYMN OF THE DAY	We Praise You, O God	LSB 785
SERMON	“For all Thy Benefits”	<i>Philippians 4:6-20</i>
OFFERTORY		LSB 192 & 193
OFFERING	Sing to the Lord of harvest	The Gallery Choir
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
<i>After each Petition:</i>		
P Lord, in Your mercy	-OR-	P Let us pray to the Lord
C Hear our prayer		C Lord, have mercy
<i>After the final Petition:</i>		
P ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.		
C Amen		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		LSB 194 & following
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS		
	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	LSB 892
	Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices	LSB 811
	How Can I Thank You, Lord	LSB 703
NUNC DIMITTIS		LSB 199 and following
BENEDICTION		LSB 202
CLOSING HYMN	Now Thank We All Our God	LSB 895
POSTLUDE	Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices	J. Blersch



Pastor Billings along with the Staff here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving Day!