



November 21-22, 2020
The 25th and Last
Weekend after Pentecost

Christ the King



But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:9

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the bulletin
with you.
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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 21.

Pre-Service Devotion: Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, ... He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ... And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:11a,13,16)

Hymns: 606 605 341:1-3 341:4-5

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

¹¹ 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." ... ²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God

the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

Sermon Text Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Sermon Theme: The Bethlehem Baby became the **KING** of Kings

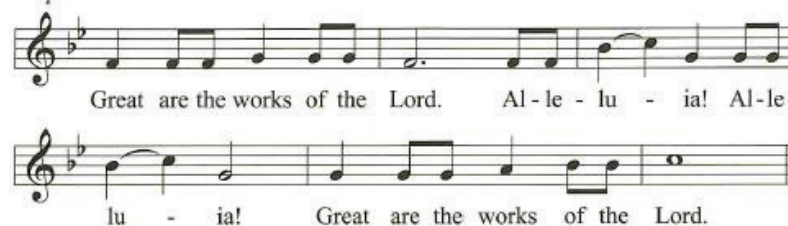
- I. What He did for His servants and all other sinners what they could not do for themselves
- II. When He used His death to destroy death and establish a Kingdom of eternal life.

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel

Last weekend the theme was “Saints Triumphant” and we were reminded of the special place God’s children have at the marriage feast of heaven, because of the work and call extended by Jesus the heavenly Bridegroom. This weekend as the church year draws to a close we focus in on the Bridegroom in His person and work as the KING OF KINGS. We are triumphant saints because of this very special King. The church year will actually end with our Thanksgiving service this midweek and a new church year starts next weekend as we enter Advent and its preparations for the Birth of the King.

MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



My heart is overflowing with a good theme;*
 I recite my composition concerning the King;
 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*
 You are fairer than the sons of men;
 Grace is poured upon Your lips;*
 Therefore God has blessed You forever.
 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,*
 With Your glory and Your majesty.

Antiphon

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;*
 A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
 You love righteousness*
 and hate wickedness;
 Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You*
 With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.
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.

Antiphon

This Week at Messiah

Masks required indoors as required by government mandate.

Sunday services are live-streamed and archived on eaudairemessiah.com.

Sun, 11/22 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters A)
10:15 am Bible class/Sunday School/Young Adults

Wed, 11/25 No Afternoon Catechism
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Worship (Ushers #10)

Thur, 11/26 9:00 am Thanksgiving Worship (Ushers #12)

Sat, 11/28 **First Weekend in Advent**
10:00 am **Youth Group:** Church Decorating and Pizza
6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #3)
7:45 pm Bible class/Sunday School

Sun, 11/29 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #14, Counters B)
10:15 am Bible class/Sunday School/Young Adults

Coming Up:

- Dec. 6, Special Voters' Meeting
- Dec. 11, Youth Group: Church Party

Announcements

Weekend Bible Class: We continue studying the "Life of Joseph" with part 3 of 4. Joseph's life was a roller-coaster of events. It seems like he was either riding a high wave or experiencing a deep and dark trough. But continually this man gives God the credit, and waits for the LORD's plan to unfold. Please join us in person or online.

Young Adults Bible Study: Prof Gullerud will continue with discussion of the book *Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times*.

Thanksgiving Worship will take place on Wednesday (6:30pm) and Thursday (9:00am). The blessings that God surrounds us begin to seem simple when we see them every day. But when we look closer, we see they are anything but simple. Join us as we worship God and thank him for our "Daily Bread."

Christmas Eve Practice: There will be no practice the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28. Our second practice will be held Saturday, December 5.

- The 3:30 pm service group, practices at 10:00am.
- The 6:30 pm service group, practices at 2:00pm.

Please arrive early for your practice. Enter by the sanctuary doors only. Children will be routed to their practice rooms from there. Please wear masks and observe social distancing. —Pastor Caleb 715-577-6199

News from around the Fellowship

Our Fellow Saints: Please pray for God's comfort to our fellow members who are grieving the loss of a loved one:

† Dorothy Sibbers, the mother of Messiah member Kathy McGeorge, went home to the LORD on Nov. 14 in Huron, SD.

† Harold Gilbertson, the father of Messiah members Evlyn Carlile, Kathy Markus, Sandy Ayers went home to the LORD on Nov. 18 in Appleton, WI.



A New CD of Tour Choir Music is now available. Entitled "Worthy Is the Lamb," it features songs sung by the 2016-2019 choirs. Copies are available in the bookstore at Immanuel Lutheran College.

Pastor Chad Seybt will be installed on Saturday, December 5 and on Sunday December 6. Please see the bulletin from November 15th with more details.

CLC News: Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI has called Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, WA to be their upper grade teacher/principal. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm, MN has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.



Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend GOD'S WORD SERVING US:



Scripture Readings – Is 63:16b, 17; 64:1-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:32-37
Bible Class – *Life of Joseph* part 4

CHRISTIANS SERVING US:

Wednesday 11/25 6:30 pm: Usher Team 10

Gerald Oster	Leonard Barthels
Stacy Behlmer	Harley Fuerstenau
Dan Roehl	Jonah Mueller
Sam Oster	Adam Barthels
Ian Behlmer	

Thursday 11/26 9:00 am: Usher Team 12

Dave Johannes	Joel Gullerud
Josh Gurgel	Paul Gurgel
Mark Hammond	Jacob Hammond
Kevin Hulke	Paul Meyer

Saturday 11/28 6:30 pm: Usher Team 3

Ross Roehl	Zach Wry
Jesse Ude	Rich McGeorge
Ron Ryan	Curtis Sandeen
Jon Sandeen	Caleb Oster
Mike Naumann	

Sunday 11/29 9:00 am: Usher Team 14

Dave Rodebaugh	Dan Kelly
Jon Kelly	Seth Schaller
Tim Schaller	Christian Schaller
Dave Schrader	

Counters for the week following 11/22 – A

Jim Lau, Gary Meyer, Dan Kelly

Thank you!

Help Needed

Christmas Eve Helpers Wanted: Over eighty total participants were signed up for our two Christmas Eve services this year. We need help working with students during the Christmas Eve practices, and with sanitizing before, between, and after. If you are willing and able to serve in any of this way sign up at tinyurl.com/XmasEveHelper call or text Pastor Caleb at 715-577-6199 or email pastor.schaller@ecmessiah.org.



Youth Group Church Decorating - Saturday, November 28th - Please join us as we begin to prepare our church for the Christmas season. This is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to Messiah. We will meet at 10 am and begin with a devotion. We will decorate and have pizza and soda for lunch. Parents please pick up your kids by 1 pm at Messiah. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to come help decorate as well! Please contact Amanda Roth with any questions at (715)-577-0190.

Attention all current and potential ushers - We are looking to reduce the number of usher teams, and staffing them with members who can be available on a more consistent basis. **Please note that you will not automatically be put on a team;** we need to hear from those who can serve consistently. If you are willing, please be sure to contact Tom Joos at 715-529-3432 or via email at tjoos@charter.net.

Can you help with video services for seniors? Messiah regularly records and distributes service DVDs for area nursing homes. We could use several volunteers to help with distribution of DVDs, which need to be dropped off at 6 locations. We can also use volunteers to sing during the recording of the services. If you can help please contact Lawrence Bade at or 715-514-1897 or lmsbade@gmail.com.



Messiah has held an annual Christmas music festival for a number of years. If you have an interest in sharing your musical gifts for this event, please contact Lynette Roehl at 715-831-8306 or lynette.roehl@ilc.edu.

The Outreach Committee is looking ahead to projects for 2021. COVID has caused many of our traditional efforts (parades, VBS, Here We Grow Again) to be cancelled. Yet the Lord Jesus does not expect us to shut-down. So how we share the Gospel may require out-of-the-box thinking. Outreach Committee has set Dec. 8 for a meeting devoted just to this topic. Any member is welcome to join the meeting or otherwise contact the committee to share ideas.

Highlights from the November 15, 2020 Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The meeting began with a devotion and prayer. There were 46 voters present, with 6 participating remotely. For the various reports presented, see the printed Voters' Packet in the narthex, or online at tinyurl.com/vpacket-11-15.

<> **Membership:** Motions carried to accept Rose Schierenbeck by transfer from Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, and Erin Franson from by transfer from Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. Motions carried to Jason, Amanda, Emma, Leah, and Ethan Bailey to Messiah, Hales Corners, WI, Joseph Bailey to Messiah, Hales Corners, WI, Megan Capaul to Morningstar, Fairchild, WI. A motion carried to terminate the membership of Nancy Vang at her request (Bylaw 2.08c). <>

Pastors' report: Pastor Tiefel presented the written report included in the packet. Items in the report included: our confidence that the Lord is unchanging in spite of what we're facing in the world. Summary of how COVID is impacting the work of our Pastors. Many laypeople have stepped up to help out in new ways during this time. <>

Elders: Kevin Hulke presented the Voters' Packet report. After a recent pastoral meeting with Sarah Joos, no action on her membership is recommended at this time. <>

Deacons: Gerald Oster presented the Voters' Packet report. Items in the report included: We plan to continue in-person services unless we are required to close, or if it becomes very evident that we must. We have been tracking in-person and streaming attendance. Pastor Schaller is moving forward with two Christmas Eve services. Tom Joos is working on updating usher lists. Dotty Lillo has been volunteering in the office. A motion carried to approve Messiah's service schedule for 2021 as presented (available at tinyurl.com/mservice-2021). <>

Education and Principal: Joel Carstensen presented the Voters' Packet report. Items in the report included: We are discussing taking over Christmas VBS from Outreach. The fall session of Sunday school is ongoing, with about 30 per weekend. Boys' basketball is off for 2020, though we may play later in 2021. June Schmid accepted the one-year call to teach 4th grade, half time. We approved the STEAM club as replacement for Lego League. We approved a 2021 budget. A day off for students and teachers was added to the calendar (Nov 6). Motion carried (as recommended from the Council) that the cost of Chromebooks and tablets (purchased because of the pandemic) will be funded from the Board of Education budget for this year instead of from the Messiah School Fund. (Actual cost of \$8,732.14). This will likely cause the Education to go over their budget for 2020. Cheryl Meyer has started as the second school janitor. We held recent parent-teacher conferences by video call. Student teachers from ILC will continue at MLS this year. We are limited in adding to enrollment due to social distancing. The Board has approved re-enrolling previously enrolled students or new enrollments from member families on a first-come first-served basis. No new nonmember students will be enrolled for now. <>

Property: Adam Schmid presented the Voters' Packet report. Items in the report included: We have been spending a lot of time sanitizing. Looking for volunteers

to help with the additional sanitizing required in the sanctuary during Advent. We need to hire a roofer to repair a leak that enters the church sacristy. Tom Beekman is working on the residing & shingling of the shed. We are working on ice problems at Schaller parsonage. We plan to wax the sanctuary floor in December. Heat tape on the north end of the building has been fixed. <> **Building Committee:** Dan Sydow presented an updated report. The Committee's proposal carries a budget of approximately \$1.7 M. The slides for his report are available at tinyurl.com/mb-nov2020. A motion carried to authorize the Building Committee to spend up to \$60,000 (increase of \$20,000) from the Building Fund for final development of the project design. Steve Lentz, reporting for the Finance and Publicity Committee, noted that we are now within \$98,000 of our initial goal of \$425,000 for beginning the project. <> **Outreach Committee:** Josh Gurgel presented the Voters' Packet report. Items included: We are working on different activities during COVID, including work on new little church libraries, new VBS yard signs, and a new booth for the Northern WI State Fair next summer. <> **Tech Committee:** Matt Kelly reported that our tech team has been busy, and that we need additional people in the AV booth during services. We are looking for additional volunteers to help. Areas include working the camera, live-streaming, and slide projection. <> **Finances:** Steve Lentz presented the Voters' Packet report. Items in the report included: General fund receipts up about \$14K (3%) over last year, disbursements about \$14k less. As of September 30, 2020 there is a balance in the General Fund of \$35,847 (The balance as of Oct. 31 is \$18,177.71). The Messiah School Fund balance is \$19,905 (these will be adjusted for Chromebook purchases; see above). The balance in other non-budgetary funds (such as Building Fund, Debt Retirement, Property Improvement, Gifts & Memorials, etc.) is \$179,963. Our overall cash balance is \$258,971. Our YTD contributions to the CLC total \$177,518; \$141,143 is to the General Fund (CBP). This represents approximately 74% of our annual CBP contribution plan. A preliminary budget for 2021 was presented, totaling \$756,000 (compared to \$736,000 for 2020). This would not include additional mortgage payments during part of next year, if the building project moves forward. Final budget figures will be available for consideration at the Dec. 6 meeting. <> **Other:** A motion carried to instruct the Board of Deacons to pursue a method for allowing virtual attendees to vote at voters' meetings. (Our Constitution allows this if approved by the voters at each meeting). <> **A Special voter's meeting** has been scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm to discuss the 2021 compensation package and final 2021 budget. <> **The meeting was adjourned** at 8:56 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.



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CLC Financial Report - October

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 4 Months	Balance 10/31/2020
General Fund	0	276,254	348,964	365,800	-72,440
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	494,992	408,430	344,535	86,562
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	1,766	124,500		78,714
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	2,000,059	1,058,486		956,115
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	76,693	64,267		96,480
Kinship	86,093	67,433	35,286		118,240
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,367,286	127,732		3,153,925
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	37,468	41,445		80,303
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
Total	\$2,678,880	\$3,550,705	\$1,451,716		\$4,777,869

General Fund – October offerings of \$72,598 vs disbursements of \$74,960 nearly covered expenses for the month, yet there remains a sizeable CBP General Fund deficit. Looking down the last Balance column above, we can rejoice at the blessing of the very positive balances in all our other funds! But our CBP General Fund is our most critical fund to support because it pays the general operating expenses of our church body. It does bear repeating that **our Boards of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications receive their major funding through our regular offerings to our CLC General Fund.** It's nearing that time of the year & church year when God's people typically are taking stock of all His blessings, naturally the material part, but especially His spiritual blessings flowing from His Word & Sacrament. These work the marvelous response of thanks-giving from the heart & lips & treasury. Please remember our CLC General Fund.

ILC Operations– ILC October revenue of \$103,203 vs disbursements of \$110,739, a little more than received this month, but still a positive balance.

ILC Building Projects – With the CLC long term indebtedness on the Academic Center & North Hall paid in full, leaving a million dollar balance on hand from a member Charitable Remainder Trust, an ILC Planning Committee has been named to recommend to our next CLC Convention a new gym on campus, and continuing to use the 50-year-old gym for ILC chapels, band/choir practices, plays, musicals, & CLC larger gatherings. All glory to our gracious God from whom these blessings flow!

CEF – October revenue was \$28,283 from congregations' CEF loan payments vs disbursements of \$92,663 in CEF debt service for a new \$69,000 congregational loan and \$20,000 in CEF Promissory Notes repaid to members. The Trustees are aware of possible loans to use the \$3 million balance.

MDF – October offerings of \$8,190 vs disbursements of \$11,910, which includes the 5th of 12 \$10,000 construction loan installments for the Nepal Bible Institute classroom.

IIF – October disbursements included \$65,674 for ILC 24-hr security locks on all campus buildings. *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10 NKJ)"*

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Messiah Shut-ins: Ida Drews (2455 Sawgrass Place #213, Altoona), Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Ted Thurow (Osseo), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

*Let thoughtless thousands choose the road Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear;
That leads the soul away from God; Soon shall I end my trials here,
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine, Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.
To live and die entirely Thine. To live is Christ, to die is gain. Amen.*

TLH 608:1&4

Fruits of Faith Last Week – Nov. 14 & 15, 2020

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 77 - Sun. 74) 151

Bible Class: (Sat. 17 - Sun. 36) 53 Sunday School: (Sat. 2 - Sun. 18) 20

Online: (Worship: 297, ILC: 10, Bible Class: 96)

Young Adults: In-Person 10, Online 6 Ruth's Retreat: 5

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)	Building Fund
2020 Budget	\$736,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$425,000.00 Goal
YTD Budget	\$651,077.00	\$163,654.00	\$330,393.60 Offerings-to-date
YTD Offerings	\$607,260.79	\$165,311.69	\$94,606.40 Still Needed
Weekly Need	\$21,457.00	\$3,281.00	
Last Weekend (11/15)	\$13,219.31	\$4,248.08	
Amount Still Needed	\$128,739.21	\$19,688.31	\$3,740.00 Last Week (11/15)

Given in memory of...

Ossie & Nada Christianson

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Tammy Sieg

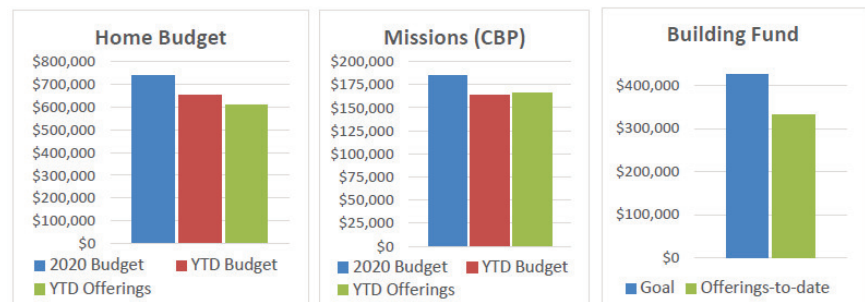
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500.00 Messiah Building Fund

50.00 Mission Development Fund

20.00 Mission Development Fund

50.00 ILC Improvement Fund



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 23-28, '20.

Mon Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24 Since the clergy had cheated on the LORD God and His people, God disowned them. Did that leave them shepherd-less? Not at all, for God pledged to *search, seek, deliver, bring, gather, feed, bring back, bind up, and strengthen His needy, hungry, injured, battered, and bleeding sheep* and establish Jesus (pictured as David) as Prince over the flock. Clergy defections sully all chapters of history; our chapter is still being written.

Tues Matthew 27:27-31 Hardly anybody understood that the King of kings was deliberately lowering Himself as Substitute for sinners—which led to this black parody of a royal coronation. He endured the torture and scorned the pain by focusing on sinners like you and me; for our sakes He stayed on course, steadfast and resolute. We thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

Wed 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Topping our list of Thanksgiving blessings are these: Jesus not only corrected Adam's default (21-22), He also lined us up for Judgment Day (23), trumped Death (26), and stands astride the Universe as co-regent with God the Father Almighty. We thank You, holy Trinity.

Thanksgiving Day: Deuteronomy 8:10-18 When you push away from the table with a full stomach, you *should bless the Lord, your God for the good land He has given you, your beautiful home, and your affluence* (10-13). Now, don't forget the Lord who rescued you from your sins and turned your disasters into blessings (14-16). God (not you) deserves the credit for your successes (17), and don't you forget it! Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus!

Fri Luke 17:11-19 Jesus had mercy on those suffering humans and sent them (with renovated bodies) to the public health officials to be inspected and to receive certification that they had been cleansed (11-14). Question: Since God has cleansed our souls, where do we fit into the parable? Do we return to thank Jesus—or just head out in another direction?

Sat Philippians 4:10-20 Even though Jesus had toughened Paul to endure a lot in life (11-13), Paul wanted his friends to know that Jesus was using them to help him survive another hour of need. They deserved to know that he appreciated their thoughtfulness, their tender hearts, and their generous gift—which arrived at just the right time (14-18). Thanks!

May God supply all that you may need, gifts that Jesus withdraws from His account and parcels out from His personal storeroom (19).

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.