

St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay & Central Valley

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**Worshiping Every Sunday in the East Bay at 9 a.m. in
Grace Lutheran Church
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the Month

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THANKSGIVING DAY - 26 NOVEMBER 2015

Order of Service – Page 5 in The Lutheran Hymnal

HYMNS: 36 Now Thank We All Our God [stand for last stanza]
34 My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker
568 [Offertory] We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer,
Creator

574 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Sermon Text: Luke 17,11-19

Sermon Theme: When Silence Is Not Golden

1. Ten Are Cleansed
2. The Silence Of the Nine
3. Breaking The Silence

INTROIT: Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord: praise the Lord. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power. **Glory be to the Father ...**

COLLECT: Almighty God, most merciful Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and though in no way have we deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever the One true God, world without end. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 8,1-20

[Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them:]
“All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers. ² You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His

commandments or not. ³ He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know,



nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵ Thus you are to know in your heart that the

LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. ⁶ Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹ “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; ¹² otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, ¹³ and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God Who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of

slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. ¹⁶ In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. ¹⁷ Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 9,6–15

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; ⁹ as it is written,



“He scattered abroad, he

gave to the poor,

His righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now He 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; ¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, ¹⁴ while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

GRADUAL

O LORD, how many are Your works!

In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great;

You are clothed with honor and majesty.

He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;

The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.

He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,

And vegetation for the labor of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

The eyes of all wait upon You,

And You give them their meat in due season.

You open Your hand,

And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

For it is pleasant and praise is becoming. [sing triple Hallelujah!]

The Holy Gospel

Luke 17,11-19

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

And it came about while [Jesus] was on the way to Jerusalem, that He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten leprous men, who stood at a distance; ¹³ and they



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raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ And when He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And it came about that as they were going,

they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten healed? But the nine — where are they? ¹⁸ Were none found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.” [Scripture passages are from the *New American Standard Bible*, © The Lockman Foundation, used by permission]

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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Lessons for 29 November – The First Sunday of Advent

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33,14-18
Epistle: Romans 13,11-14
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25,1-13

Weekly Scripture Verse: The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD, and You give them their food in due season. (Psalm 145,15)

Today's Gradual is based on selected verses from Psalms 104 and 145.

Bible Study – Hayward – Tuesday, 1 December, at 2 p.m. at the parsonage.

ILL. In your prayers, please remember Nancy, Roy and his brother, Gerald; Jean Niblett; Marlene Clappier; Don Luebke (who is now at home), Don's nephew Leigh, and Rose, one of Don's caregivers and her husband; Sue (the Karp's' neighbor who is undergoing chemotherapy), Sue (Carolyn's friend), Don Drews; Richard Hocker; Ruth Scheuermann; James Sandeen; the Breeden twins, Chloe and Dagny; Pr. Doug Priestap (Calgary); Pr. Robert List (Spokane).



CALL NEWS. Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley, WA, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ.

A Time to Reflect

Luther's Explanation of the Fourth Petition in the Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer, also to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, home, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Psalm 136,26: Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE

One reason many people fail to give thanks is that they don't take time to reflect on the many blessings they receive from the hand of the Lord. Listed below is a small sampling of benefits of body and soul which He has provided for our enjoyment. Truly, we have every reason to say: "Thank You, good Lord!"

- A — apples, agriculture, Absolution, Athanasian Creed
- B — books, beauty, the Bible, Bible Class, Holy Baptism
- C — children, church, Holy Communion, confession, Book of Concord
- D — dawns, doctors, dads

E — electricity, education (especially Christian education), eternal life

F — friends, flowers, fire, freedom, fun, faith in Christ, forgiveness

G — God and His saving Gospel

H — hope, home, humor, hinges, Holy Spirit

I — immortality, ice cream

J — Jesus my Savior

K — knowledge of the true God revealed in Holy Scripture

L — life, love, light, law and order, labor, lungs, laughter, Lord's Prayer

M — mother, memories, music, medicine, marriage

N — Nicene Creed

O — opportunities for sharing the Gospel

P — prayer, peace, pets, pianos, progress, patience, parents

Q — spiritual questions and God's answers in Holy Scripture

R — romance

S — sorrow, strength to endure trials, sacrifice, sunsets, Sacrament of the Altar

T — truth, tongues to tell about Jesus, tomorrow, the Holy Trinity, Ten Commandments

U — umbrellas, unity in the Holy Christian Church

V — victories, velcro

W — worship opportunities, work, wages, waiting rooms, wheels, water, Word of God

X — all the extra blessings God gives me that I can't remember, xeroxing

Y — yesterday, you

Z — zest, Zion

Oh, may we ne'er with thankless heart

Forget from Whom our blessings flow!
 Still, Lord, Thy heavenly grace impart;
 Still teach us what to Thee we owe.
 Lord, may our lives with fruit divine
 Return Thy care and prove us Thine.
 (The Lutheran Hymnal, 567:2)

A Thanksgiving Litany

P Let us cry aloud our thanks to the all-blessed Trinity:

P For the tender love You show Your whole creation, we give You thanks,
C and bless Your holy name.

P For the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the homes in which we live, we give You thanks,
C and bless Your holy name.

P For our families, for husbands and wives, and especially children with their joy and their trust, for grandparents and grandchildren, for aunts and uncles, we give You thanks,
C and bless Your holy name.

P For the fields and their harvest, for farmers and their labors, for the good earth and all its bounty, we give You thanks,
C and bless Your holy name.

P For our nation and all its people, and for the freedoms we enjoy, especially for the freedom to worship You in peace, we give You thanks,
C and bless Your holy name.

P For the sufferings that come upon us and for the reminder they bring of the one thing needful, we give You

thanks,

C and bless Your holy name.

P Above all for the incarnation of our Lord, for His suffering and death, for His glorious resurrection and ascension and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, we give You thanks,

C and bless Your holy name.

P For the holy Church, for the divine waters of Baptism, for the comfort of Holy Absolution, and for the life-giving Sacrament of the Altar, we give You thanks,

C and bless Your holy name.

P For the Sacred Scriptures, for the holy Law that shows us our sin, and for the holy Gospel that reveals the righteousness of Christ as Your gift to us, we give You thanks,

C and bless Your holy name.

P We pray for those who are ill, especially for [____], trusting that You will give them that healing which is needful for body, soul, and spirit; in confidence that You hear us, we give you thanks,

C and bless Your holy name.

P For these and all Your mercies, mercies beyond number and measure, for all of which it is our joy to stand before You and give You thanks, we give You thanks,

C and bless Your holy name.

P You are indeed blessed and holy and worthy of all honor and praise, O Father Almighty, O only-begotten Son, O Spirit of Holiness. To You alone do we give all glory now and forever!

C Amen!

