

**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  
1836 B St., Hayward, CA 94541-3140**

Worshiping in the Central Valley at 2 p.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
of the Month

Atria Senior Living - Bayside Landing - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Activity  
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**THANKSGIVING DAY - 24 NOVEMBER 2016**

Order of Service – Page 5 in The Lutheran Hymnal

HYMNS: 36 Now Thank We All Our God [stand for last stanza]  
566 Christ, By Heavenly Hosts Adored  
568 [Offertory] We Praise Thee, O God, Our  
Redeemer, Creator  
574 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2,1-8

Sermon Theme: The Attitude Is Gratitude

1. Praying For All
2. Jesus Died For All
3. Giving Thanks For All And In All

**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

Lamentations 3,22-25

The LORD's steadfast love indeed never ceases,  
For His compassions never fail.

23

They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“Therefore I have hope in Him.”

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,  
To the person who seeks Him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that he waits silently  
For the salvation of the LORD.

Epistle

1 Timothy 2,1-8

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> Who desires that all men be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and one Mediator also between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony borne at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth. I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want all men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

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. <sup>12</sup> And as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten leprous men, who stood at a distance; <sup>13</sup> and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> 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.



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<sup>15</sup> Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten healed? But the nine — where are they? <sup>18</sup> Were none found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> 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 27 November – The First Sunday of

#### Advent

**Old Testament:** Jeremiah 33,14-18  
**Epistle:** Romans 13,11-14  
**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 21,1-9

**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 - Stockton** - Tuesday, 29 November, at 2 p.m.

**ILL.** In your prayers, please remember Nancy and Roy Cameron; Jean Niblett; Marlene Clappier; Sue (the Karps’ neighbor who is undergoing chemotherapy), Don Drews; Richard and Beth Hocker; Ruth



Scheuermann; Pr. Doug Priestap (Florida); Pr. Steven Karp; Mary Ryan (of Eau Claire, WI); Deena; Peter.

**CALL NEWS.** St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, and St. Stephen Lutheran, Hayward, CA, have called the Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, White River, SD. Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville, GA, has called the Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw, MI. Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI, has called the Rev. Timothy Wheaton, pastor of Living Word Lutheran, Blue Springs (Kansas City area), MO.

### 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!**

