

GIVE *Thanks*
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS *love* ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalm 107:2

**Rouzerville Community
Thanksgiving Service
November 21, 2017**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Rev. Pam Illick**

**Rouzerville Church of the Brethren
The Rev. Dr. Warren Eshbach,
tonight's preacher**



Welcome to our brothers and sister and neighbors and friends who are gathered together this evening to give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy in our lives. It is our prayer that your Thanksgiving holiday will be filled with joy and love and good health, and that you have all that you need.

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook! Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P** Give thanks to the Lord our God,
- C** for he is gracious and merciful
- P** Come, let us joyfully praise God
- C** Let us come before God with thanksgiving.

*** GATHERING SONG** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (ELW 693)

***GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** Gracious God, who supplies us with every blessing in abundance, we lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving. Open our hearts to remember the gifts we seldom notice, the bounty that we take for granted, the rich possibilities you provide. We give you our humble thanks for bread without scarcity, for water that is pure, for houses to

live in and friends to enjoy. We lift our voices in joyful praise for the beauty of your creation and for healing and hope.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

A READING FROM: Deuteronomy 7:11-18

¹¹Therefore, observe diligently the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that I am commanding you today.

¹²If you heed these ordinances, by diligently observing them, the LORD your God will maintain with you the covenant loyalty that he swore to your ancestors; ¹³he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock, in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you. ¹⁴You shall be the most blessed of peoples, with neither sterility nor barrenness among you or your livestock. ¹⁵The LORD will turn away from you every illness; all the dread diseases of Egypt that you experienced, he will not inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. ¹⁶You shall devour all the peoples that the LORD your God is giving over to you, showing them no pity; you shall not serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

¹⁷If you say to yourself, “These nations are more numerous than I; how can I dispossess them?” ¹⁸do not be afraid of them. Just remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

SPECIAL MUSIC

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand.*)

☞ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

☞ As it was in the beginning, is now, and wver shall be: world without end. Amen.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

☞ The holy gospel according to St. Luke..

☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, 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 made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON: A Thankful Foreigner The Rev. Dr. Warren Eshbach

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 840)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

☞ Let us pray for creation, the church, and for all who are in need. Giving God we come to you with thanksgiving for all that you have made. For things great and small, beautiful and amazing, for all that is seen and unseen.

☞ Thank you, God.

☞ For our community, that we can come together in worship and praise, and work alongside one another in love and compassion.

☞ Thank you, God.

☞ for human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying.

☞ Thank you, God.

☞ For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.

☩ Thank you, God.

☐ For family; for living together and eating together; for family fun and love.

☩ Thank you, God.

☐ For all those who suffer from abuse, addictions, sickness of body and mind and spirit, that you comfort them and bring healing and hope in their suffering, and where we can be your hands and feet, O God, send us to be your servant in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

☩ Hear our prayer.

☐ For you Holy Spirit who guides our steps and brings us the gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship.

☩ Thank you, God.

☐ For those who have gone before us who have lived lives of faith that are examples to us of what living in your Word means.

☩ Thank you, God.

☐ Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer.

☩ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

☐ May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

☩ Amen.

*** SENDING SONG *Sing to the Lord of Harvest (ELW 694)***

***DISMISSAL**

☐ Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

☩ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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