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- **Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!
- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: God-pleasing thanksgiving in all circumstances is driven and given by God's goodness.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 613 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"



1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his
3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal



har - vest - home. All be safe - ly gath - ered in
praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown,
har - vest home, From his field shall in that day
har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in,



Ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our mak - er
Un - to joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and
All of - fens - es purge a - way, Give his an - gels
Free from sor - row, free from sin, There, for - ev - er



shall pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied. Come to
then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of
charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the
pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with



God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home.
har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
all your an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–71, alt.
Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

STAND

Minister: In the name of the Father and the (+) Son of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Jesus Christ.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O Lord God Almighty, through the greatness of your power all things in heaven and earth were created. We thank you for crowning the year with your goodness, for spreading grain over the fields, and for adorning the valleys with your bounty. You have filled the earth with riches and rewarded human labor. Above all, though, we thank you for bringing us salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Great is your name, O God, and marvelous is your mercy. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 16:7-36

The faithfulness of the Lord draws thanksgiving from David's heart; his thanks centers on the saving work of the Lord.

On that day David first gave the directive to give thanks to the LORD through the ministry of Asaph and his associates:

⁸ Give thanks to the LORD.

Call on his name.

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

⁹ Sing to him.

Make music to him.

Tell about all his wonderful acts.

¹⁰ Praise his holy name.

The hearts of those who seek the LORD will rejoice.

¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength.

Seek his presence continually.

¹² Remember his wonderful acts, his signs,

and the judgments from his mouth,

¹³ you descendants of Israel, his servant,

you sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁴ He is the LORD our God.

His judgments are in all the earth.

¹⁵ Remember his covenant forever,

a word he commanded for a thousand generations,

¹⁶ his covenant which he made with Abraham,

which was his sworn promise to Isaac.

¹⁷ He confirmed it to Jacob as a statute for Israel,

an everlasting covenant.

¹⁸ He said, "To you I will give the land of Canaan

as a portion for your inheritance,

¹⁹ even though your numbers are small,

and you are insignificant,

and you are living in it as aliens."

²⁰ They were wandering from nation to nation

and from one kingdom to another people.

²¹ Yet he did not permit anyone to oppress them.

He rebuked kings on their account:

²² "You must not touch my anointed ones.

Against my prophets you must do no harm."

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- 23 Sing to the LORD all the earth.
Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 24 Declare his glory among the nations,
his wonderful acts among all the peoples,
25 for great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.
He is to be feared above all gods.
- 26 For all the gods of the peoples are not gods at all.
But the LORD made the heavens.
- 27 Honor and majesty are before him.
Strength and joy are in his place.
- 28 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples.
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and come before him.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- 30 Tremble before him, all the earth.
Surely the world stands firm.
It shall never be overthrown.
- 31 The heavens will be glad.
The earth will rejoice.
They will say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
- 32 The sea and everything that fills it will roar.
The fields and everything in them will celebrate.
- 33 The trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
- 34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
- 35 Say, "Save us, O God of our salvation.
Gather us and save us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
to glorify you by praising you."
- 36 Blessed is the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR BODILY BLESSINGS:

PSALM 147

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving.

C: Make music to our God on the harp.

M: He covers the sky with clouds;

C: he supplies the earth with rain.

M: He grows grass on the hills;

C: he provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens.

M: Praise the LORD; praise the LORD from the heavens.

C: Praise the LORD.

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:12-15

We thank God because he chooses us, makes us holy, loves us, and inspires us to treat each other with his goodness.

Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. ¹⁴ And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS:

PSALM 103

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul;

C: all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

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M: Praise the LORD, O my soul,

C: and forget not all his benefits.

M: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;

C: he redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with compassion.

M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve,

C: or repay us according to our iniquities.

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C: so great is his love for those who fear him.

M: As far as the east is from the west,

C: so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

M: The LORD has established his throne in heaven.

C: And his kingdom rules over all.

M: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus gives perfect thanks to the Father by showing mercy to Matthew and all believers.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

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¹² When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN: 360 "The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.
Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

SERMON

TEXT: Deuteronomy 8:7-17

THEME: Remain Thankful in Prosperity

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of gullies filled with water, a land with springs and groundwater that flows out into the valleys and down the mountains, ⁸a land with wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees for oil, and honey, ⁹a land where you can eat bread and not be poor, where you will not lack anything, a land whose rocks are iron and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

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¹⁰ Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹ Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you eat and are satisfied, and you build nice houses and move into them, ¹³ and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, ¹⁴ watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. ¹⁵ Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. ¹⁶ Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on.

You might say in your heart, "My ability and the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

STAND

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

M: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

C: God's love is everlasting.

M: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

C: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

M: For the world; for things big and small, beautiful and plain; for splendors seen and hidden:

C: We thank you, O God.

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M: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking; for common hope and hardships shared from birth until death:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For work and the strength to accomplish it; for teamwork in labor; for good humor and encouragement:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For marriage; for the joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and shared burdens; for secrets kept in love:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For family; for living and eating together; for shared amusements and pleasures:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their play and honesty; for their sympathies:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For the young; for their high hopes; for their open criticisms; for their search for freedom:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest and leisure; for time made more precious by its passing:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For help from others in times of sorrow; for divine healing of our disease; for saving us in temptation and danger:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For the Holy Christian Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive through Word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

C: We praise you, O God.

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M: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our joyful worship:

C: We praise you, O God.

M: For your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; for the joy of serving him:

C: We thank and praise you for all your goodness to us.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

C: God's love is everlasting. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN: 610 "Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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Sermon Notes Puzzle & Coloring Pages Available for Kids!

Puzzle and coloring pages are available for all kids on the table in the Narthex along with pencils and crayons. Word puzzles, games & space for drawings are all included in these sheets.

Catechism and Bible Class Schedules

There will be no catechesis on Sundays November 26, December 17 and 24, or January 1. Bible class will meet between services on every Sunday except December 24 and January 1.

Advent by Candlelight – December 2

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manassas is hosting an Advent by Candlelight service on Saturday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited. Please register by November 25 at www.bethlehem-lutheran.org or scan the QR code below. Questions: Contact Lynnette Hupman at lhupman57@gmail.com



Advent Fellowship Meals

Trinity will host midweek Advent fellowship meals on Wednesdays December 6 and 13. Potluck suppers will start at 6, with a brief devotion following at 6:30. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able; beverages and tableware will be provided.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, December 7

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Christmas for Kids – December 9 – Accepting Wait List Registrations

The next outreach event will be Christmas for Kids, on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-11:30. There will be gifts, games, snacks, music, a craft, and devotion for up to 30 kids from our neighborhood. Thank you to the adult and teen volunteers who have stepped forward to help supervise!

Children’s Christmas Worship Service – December 17

The Children’s Christmas Worship Service, led by our Sunday School students, will be the 11:00 service on December 17. The 8:30 service that Sunday will be our usual liturgical setting, including a sermon and Communion.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, worship will be held at 5 and 7pm on December 24, with no morning services. Christmas Day worship will be at 10am and will include the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sunday School Project: Collection for HUGS

Through Sunday, December 17, the Sunday School will be holding their next service project, a collection for HUGS of Warm in Woodbridge. Cold weather clothing of all kinds and hygiene items will be gratefully received in a box in the narthex, and then passed on to HUGS of Warm in Woodbridge to distribute to those in need in Northern Virginia.

Small Choir

Trinity’s small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We’ll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord’s Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

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LUTHERAN
CHURCH

to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.