

FIRST READING :Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

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. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



A Service of Thanksgiving
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Grafton, Iowa



Sunday, November 26th
9:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg
Lay Reader: Belinda Borchardt

Organist: Marena Henkle
Acolyte: Sophie Urbatsch

Prelude

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

C: Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

...time of silent prayer...

P: God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (See insert)

Hymn: **Come, You Thankful People, Come**.....LBW # 407

Litany of Thanksgiving (inspired by Psalm 96)

P: Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,

C: The Lord be praised. *For the tables we share and the bread we partake of within our communities, within our families, and within our homes,*

The Lord be praised. *For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us and the grace we have received,*

The Lord be praised. *For Your continual provision in our lives,*

The Lord be praised. *For the embrace of love,*

The Lord be praised. *For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day, echoing through the night,*

The Lord be praised. *For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out.*

The Lord be praised. *For the new life that beats within us now.*

The Lord be praised. *In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation’s song,*

Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised.

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Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians: 9:6-15 (printed on back of bulletin)

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: **We Praise You, O God**LBW # 241

Apostles' Creed.....LBW p. 85

The Collection of the Offering (Hymn sung during collection)

Hymn: **Sing to the Lord of Harvest**LBW# 412

Offertory Prayer

C: God of all creation, Thank you for the wonderful things you have made. Thank you for the universe full of stars and planets. Thank you for our world, full of life. Thank you for making each one of us. Take these gifts we now offer back to you. May they be used to the glory of your name. We offer you ourselves and all the gifts you have blessed us with. Take us and use us to share your love with the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: Ever faithful Lord, Ever giving Son, Ever present Spirit, For the many gifts you grant us and the opportunity to enjoy these things; For your daily provision and for the constant signs of your healing love; For the hope amidst despair and the light which always shines; For all these things, ‘thank you’ is just so inadequate but it’s all we have: ...to show our gratitude in word, in thought and in action.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: So, thank you, Lord and may our thanks move beyond words to transform us into thankful folk, faithful folk, seeing folk, folk who see need and see the need to act, folk who love to live and live to love, folk who serve you by serving others.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Help us to be amongst those who include the excluded and bring in those who are marginalized, that when the opportunities come our way to be healer of division and hurt, to be peacemakers and restorers, we won’t be found wanting.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Loving, personal Father, We bring before you those people and issues that are closest to us and that occupy our minds at this time...

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Mighty, wonderful Father, we bring before you people and issues from around our world, including those we’ll never know personally, but who remain our sisters and brothers in you...

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Transforming, healing Father, help us to make the light shine in dark places, to make peace known in violent places, and to bring hope to despondent places.

The Lord’s Prayer.....LBW p. 97

The Benediction and Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *Praise and Thanksgiving*.....**LBW #409**

Chimes and Postlude

Welcome to our worship this morning! We are so glad you could be a part of our service in giving thanks and praise to our Lord! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for some light refreshments/cake provided by our Baptism family and Hospitality team members and for conversation.

Today we welcome into the family of God’s children and our faith community, *Olivia Ann Riggs, daughter of Carrissa (Trenhaile) and Jesse Riggs.* Olivia was born on May 18th. Her sponsors are Amy Edwards, Brett Trenhaile, Brandon Trenhaile, and Alyssa Waage . We pray for blessings and peace upon the family of Olivia and rejoice in God calling this precious child by name and making her His own.

Thanksgiving offering...is designated to Benevolence. You may use your special offering envelope or mark it in your check memo as Thanksgiving offering.

Mission Fest offering.... donations may be placed in your special Mission offering envelope or designated as such. If writing a check, please make it to *Emmanuel Lutheran Church* with *Mission fest* in the memo. We will collect Mission Fest donations through December 10th . *\$979 was received last Sunday (Mission Fest. Sunday).* The money received will be split between the USO and the American Red Cross, to help Military families in need. Thank you to Shal Zillgitt for sharing her experience from the last year with the Army National Guard. If you were unable to attend, there is a video of Shal posted on Facebook you can watch.

Ladies...November is our Thank Offering month. We will collect donations through the end of the month. Checks may be made out to ENALCW. You may bring your donation to the office or give to any TWC members. Thank you for your support! These funds are used for charities disbursed at the end of the year, as determined by The Women’s Council (TWC).

This Week at Emmanuel November 27 th – December 3 rd		
Wed., November 29 th	1:00 p.m.	No Connection Group Bible Study
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30-7p.m	AWANA Club
Sunday, December 3 rd <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
	10:40 a.m.	Fellowship, Sunday School

For Pastoral care:
Contact Pastor Weeg
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641-425-7775.

Offering: Sunday, Nov. 19 th	Attendance: 85
General: \$1,872	Building: \$110
Benevolence: \$60	Campership Fund: \$100
Sunday School: \$14.81	Noisy Offering: \$37.15

Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.