

Thanksgiving Worship  
In the Time of COVID

*In all things*  
**GIVE** *thanks!*



Old St. Luke's Church  
Old Washington Pike  
Scott Township, Pennsylvania

November 22, 2020



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GATHERING

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**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"We Praise You, O God", Vs. 1 & 3*

**We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!**

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Tune: *Kremser*; A. Valerius

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

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WORD

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**FIRST LESSON**

*Deuteronomy 8.7-16*

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.*

<sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup>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.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 65.1, 6-11

*Read in Unison*

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous  
signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river  
of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.  
<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

## SECOND LESSON

*II Corinthians 9.10-15*

*Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.*

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 17.11-19*

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

- ℣ The Gospel of our Lord.
- ☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

## HOMILY

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinckhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Tune: *Nun Danket Alle Gott*; Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

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## APOSTLES' CREED

- ℣ God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- ☩ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The response to each petition:*

- ℣ Hear us, O God:
- ☩ **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude with the 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**

## **BENEDICTION**

℣ May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

☩ **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”*

**God, who made the earth and heaven, darkness and light:**

**You the day for work have given, for rest the night.**

**May your angel guards defend us, slumber sweet your mercy send us,**

**Holy dreams and hopes attend us all through the night.**

**Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die,**

**May we in your mighty keeping all peaceful lie.**

**When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not forsake us,**

**But to reign in glory take us with you on high.**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, st. 1 & 3, alt.

Tune: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*; Welsh Traditional

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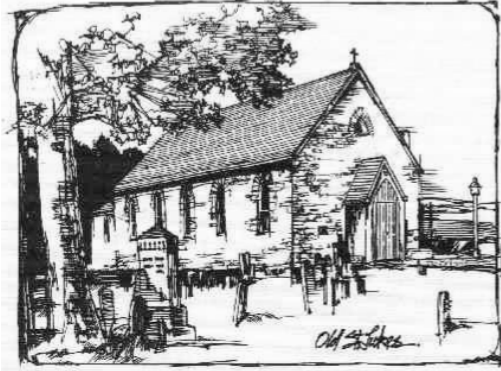
℣ Beloved of God: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

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## Old St. Luke's Church, Burial Ground and Garden

This weathered stone Church stands on ground which has been the site of Christian worship for two and a half centuries.



Pioneer militiamen accompanied Gen. John Forbes in his expedition to capture Fort Duquesne from the French in 1758, and some returned to make their homes in the Chartiers Valley. This site was an outpost of the British Army prior to the Revolutionary War. Services were maintained by Chaplains visiting the British regiment stationed here.

This was one of the first churches to be founded on the frontier. Major William Lea, a member of the Forbes expedition, set aside a plot of ten rods (165 feet) square for the Church and Burial Ground, and in 1790 a frame church building was erected. Prominent in the congregation were Lea and Gen. John Neville, the federal tax collector during the Whiskey Rebellion. It is believed that St. Luke's Church was the meeting place for Federalist neighbors seeking refuge from the rebels in the Whiskey Rebellion, 1791- 1794.

The present stone edifice was built in 1852, unique in the period because of its stone gothic arches. Years later, a stone from the quarries of King Solomon's Temple and a stone from the English ancestral home of George Washington, were placed in the Church walls. Included in the furnishings is the Joseph Harvey pipe organ, built in London in 1823, and later brought over the Allegheny Mountains by mule pack. The church and organ were consecrated in 1854.

Buried here are numerous veterans of the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, together with an unknown number of faithful souls. Also buried here is Jane Lea, baptized here in 1774 and described as "the first white child born in the Chartiers Valley."

Old St. Luke's is supported only by offerings at church services and the generosity of Annual Members.