

# Christ Lutheran Church

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## The Lord Provides – Happy Thanksgiving!

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we remember God's Word: *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights"* (James 1:17).

The Lord "provides." When we think of God's "providence" we remember that, not only did God create all things in the universe, but He also continues to sustain all things in their order, for our good.

God did not just create the universe and then go away, leaving us to exist under the cold laws of physics. It is by His almighty presence and sustaining power at every moment that anything continues to exist around us. Scripture says: *"For in Him we live and move and have our being"* (Acts 17:28). Of Jesus Christ it says: *"All things were created through Him and for Him... and in Him all things consist"* (Colossians 1:16-17). Without God's providence, we could not enjoy our next breath.

This thought would be frightening if we did not also know God's love in Christ. For God is present to see us commit sin after sin. Yes, He even provides the strength of body and mind we may use to carry out sin – though He never makes us do wrong. So if we did not know His love, we could only think of Him as an angry Judge who watched our every move. Then all troubles, pain, sickness, and death would only prove our fear that we did not stand in His favor. Nor could we derive any proof of His favor just from the good things He gives us; for Scripture says God provides His sun and rain for both the righteous and unrighteous alike (Matthew 5:45).

But thanks be to God – now we do know His love for us, as He reveals in Scripture. In His amazing love, God sent His own Son into this world, in flesh and blood, to redeem us (John 3:16). By Jesus' death on the cross in our place, we are delivered from all guilt and punishment for the sins we have committed before God. Through faith in Jesus, God provides us with His most precious gift of eternal life as His forgiven, beloved children.

Therefore, we can truly be thankful for our heavenly Father's providence. Along with the gift of His Son, He promises to provide all that we need. He promises that all things must work together for our good in Christ: *"Neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:28, 32, 38-39). Even in hard times of life, in love God is still providing His children with every need. He gives us true hope and encouragement as we look forward to the wonderful heavenly homeland He is providing for us!

Therefore on Thanksgiving Day, and every day of our lives, we can give thanks to God. Every breath, every piece of bread, and every gift He gives, is another reminder of how intimately He knows our needs and provides for us. And most of all, we give thanks for the gift of His Son, our Savior. In Jesus, we can count both temporal and eternal blessings, and give thanks to God for His loving providence.

In His love,  
Pastor Smith

# Oh Give Thanks to the Lord

*(From our Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Board for Home Outreach)*

So often when life-changing incidents take place – for example, when a person is diagnosed with cancer – many times the patient, as well as other family members involved become frustrated and begin to question God. “Why me?” “Why God, why my wife, why my son or daughter?” “What have I done to deserve this?” Many times troubles seem to pile up, one upon another. They seem too numerous to overcome. Sometimes it seems as if there isn’t any reason to be thankful to God.

On our own it is impossible to overcome the hardships of this life. On our own there is nowhere to turn for true comfort!

There is only one place to find true comfort, in all aspects of life. And that is faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. This faith is given to us freely out of God’s great love for us, a love that God demonstrated when He sent His one and only Son into this world to die on the cross for our sins. Faith is a gift that comes to us only through the Word of God and the waters of baptism. *“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God”* (Romans 10:17).

With faith in our hearts, all of God’s promises are ours. When troubles and hardships enter into the life of a believer they turn to their Savior for comfort.

Consider these promises: Shortly before Jesus ascended into heaven He told His disciples that He would never leave them. *“Surely I am with you always, to*

*the ends of the age”* (Matthew 28:20). You can be rest assured that Jesus’ promise to be with you always is just as valid today as when He spoke them 2000 years ago.

Please also consider that God’s Word states very clearly, *“In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28).

Our greatest need is the forgiveness of sins. Jesus has taken care of that as well, through His perfect life and His death upon the cross. It was on the cross that Jesus shed His lifeblood for your sins and mine.

As we sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, we may be facing all kinds of problems and difficulties. But we can say with confidence, “We have Jesus. He is our one true friend. He is our Savior.”

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and His work to save the world from sin and eternal death, please join us for worship or make an appointment with our pastor.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving in Jesus!

Additional devotion resources from our Evangelical Lutheran Synod:  
<https://els.org/dailydevotions/>

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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p>O give <i>thanks</i><br/>unto the LORD, for he is good;<br/><i>for his mercy endures forever.</i><br/><small>Pslam 107:1 (KJV)</small></p>  |   |   |  | <p><b>1</b>    <i>All Saints Day</i></p>  | <p><b>2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jesus Cares<br/>Ministry for<br/>Special Needs<br/>2:00 PM</p> | <p><b>3</b></p>   |
| <p><b>4</b>    <i>All Saints Sunday</i><br/><i>Daylight savings time ends</i></p> <p><b>Worship with Communion</b><br/>9:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b><br/>10:45 AM</p> <p><b>Worship at Crystal Terrace</b><br/>1:00 PM</p> | <p><b>5</b></p>   | <p><b>6</b>    <i>Election Day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>Gerry Hasskamp</i></p> | <p><b>7</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth Catechism<br/>4:00 PM</p>   | <p><b>8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outreach Activity at</b><br/><b>Rogue River Place</b><br/>2:30 PM</p> | <p><b>9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>Bobbie Hauck</i></p>              | <p><b>10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>Clark Pederson</i></p> |
| <p><b>11</b>    <i>Last Judgment</i></p> <p><b>Worship</b><br/>9:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b><br/>10:45 AM</p> <p><b>Worship at Crystal Terrace</b><br/>1:00 PM</p>   | <p><b>12</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>Sue Eberlein</i></p> | <p><b>13</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Meeting</b><br/>4:30 PM</p>                                    | <p><b>14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth Catechism<br/>4:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>15</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLWMS<br/>Women's Meeting<br/>3:00 PM</p>                               | <p><b>16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>JoAnn Teigland</i></p>           | <p><b>17</b></p>  |
| <p><b>18</b>    <i>Saints Triumphant</i></p> <p><b>Worship with Communion</b><br/>9:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b><br/>10:45 AM</p> <p><b>Worship at Crystal Terrace</b><br/>1:00 PM</p>                                      | <p><b>19</b></p>  | <p><b>20</b></p>  | <p><b>21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth Catechism<br/>4:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>22</b>    <i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanksgiving Service</b><br/>9:30 AM</p>  | <p><b>23</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>Vicky Banta</i></p>              | <p><b>24</b></p>  |
| <p><b>25</b>    <i>Christ the King</i></p> <p><b>Worship</b><br/>9:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b><br/>10:45 AM</p> <p><b>Worship at Crystal Terrace</b><br/>1:00 PM</p>   | <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regional</b><br/><b>Pastors' Meeting</b><br/>Myrtle Creek</p>          | <p><b>28</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Anniversary</i><br/><i>Virgil &amp; JoAnn Teigland</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth Catechism<br/>4:00 PM</p> | <p><b>29</b></p>  | <p><b>30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i><br/><i>Gayle Adams</i></p>              | <p></p>   |

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