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SERVICE



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Church Year: Thanksgiving Eve

Date: November 27, 2013

Worship Preparation:..... *Psalm 100, TLH, p. 144 f.*

Hymns: .. *WS 763; Give Thanks Unto the Lord; TLH 572; TLH 39, st. 1,4-5*

Other: ..*CDS Children: TLH 36; Choir & CDS Children: Give Thanks to God*

Scripture Reading:..... *Psalm 100*

The Thanksgiving Message:..... *James 1:12-18*

And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them," And Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And he struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

**LORD, OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE YOUR UNSEEN
BLESSINGS... AND GIVE THANKS!**

WELCOME To all on this Thanksgiving. Although historically and nationally a secular holiday, it is impossible for the child of God to celebrate without an awareness and appreciation for the mighty hand of God in every area of our lives and of our world. Undeserving as we with Jacob declare ourselves to be (Genesis 32:10), yet because of God's infinite mercy and a multitude of "seen and unseen" blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus, we are first and foremost a deeply grateful people of God who delight in Him and in thanking and praising Him this Thanksgiving and always. Is there any among us who, despite our life struggles in this world of sin, cannot pray: *Lord, you have given us so much: Give us one thing more: a truly thankful heart.*

THANKS To Pastor David Schierenbeck for sharing the message this evening! Pastor Schierenbeck serves Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights.

ADVENT Beginning next Wednesday, **Midweek Advent Services** will be held at 7:00 pm. The service on **December 18** will be our candlelight service with a congregational Christmas meal preceding the service at 6:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE RECITATIONS & SONGS Were recently distributed to all of our Sunday School children. **Students (and Parents)** – please see that as much as possible is **learned before the first practice**, especially your child's individual parts. **Christmas Eve rehearsals** will be on **Sundays, December 1, 8, & 15** from 12-2 pm. **December 22** will be the dress rehearsal from 8:45-9:45 am. Attendance is very important.

THANKS

The apostle Paul's reasons for gratitude to God cover the whole territory of human life and experience. He gives thanks for:

- 1) His daily bread (Acts 27:35)
- 2) Men who have faith in Christ (Rom. 1:8)
- 3) Deliverance from anxiety (2 Cor. 2:14)
- 4) Deliverance from temptation (Rom. 7:25)
- 5) The memory of his friends (Phil. 1:3)
- 6) Kindness in the day of trouble (Acts 28:15)
- 7) The "unspeakable" gift (2 Cor. 9:15)
- 8) The grace of God given believers in Christ (1 Cor. 1:4)
- 9) Those who bear the cross of Christ with him (Rom. 16:4)
- 10) Spiritual gifts given him (1 Cor. 14:18)
- 11) The believers' faith, love, and hope in Christ (Col. 1:3)
- 12) The eternal inheritance of the saints (Col. 1:12)
- 13) Those who gladly received the Word (1 Thess. 2:13)
- 14) The believers' growth in faith (2 Thess. 1:3)
- 15) Being chosen to salvation from eternity (1 Thess. 2:13)

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thess. 5:18)