THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Trinity - Smiths Mill          St. John - Alma City
November 23, 2016            November 24, 2016

OPENING HYMN  # 609  -  We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

OPENING SERVICE
P: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.
C: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O Lord.
P: Sing to the Lord a new song: For he has done marvellous things. The Lord has made know his salvation. He has remembered his mercy and his truth. Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Make a loud noise and rejoice and sing praise!
C: (sing)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

FIRST LESSON  -  Deuteronomy 8:10-18

SECOND LESSON  -  Philippians 4:10-20

CHOIR (at St. John) – I Will Praise You, O Lord (at Trinity) - Majesty

CONFESSION OF FAITH
(Luther's explanation of the 1st Article)
I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.
And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.
All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN  # 260  -  Let All Things Now Living

SERMON  –  Philippians 4:10-20
THE SECRET INGREDIENT OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERINGS

THANKSGIVING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN  # 610  -  Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER and BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN  # 611  -  For the Fruit of His Creation

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Thank-you to the choirs of St. John’s and Trinity for singing God’s praises in our services. Thanks also to our organists - at Trinity: Caroline Begalka and at St. John’s: LeAnn Marzinske.
If you ordered a wreath from MVL, you can pick it up in the entryway. If you ordered a swag or garland, it will come next week. Thanks for supporting our area Lutheran High School!

Both churches will decorate for Christmas following our services this Sunday. There will also be potluck meals; please bring a dish to share.

St. John’s choir plans to go caroling to our shut-ins on Saturday, December 10th. Everyone is welcome to join us. More information will follow later.

Trinity will be hosting another Christmas Carol Sing Along on Sunday, December 11th, at 3:30 pm. Request sheets are located at the back of each church for suggestions of traditional and non traditional carols you would like to sing. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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