



Resurrection Life NOVEMBER 2019



THE STORY OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many, Thanksgiving Day dates back to the Pilgrims and Indians. But for us as Christians, the deepest roots of our thanksgiving goes back long before the Pilgrims. “Thanksgiving” goes back all the way to the Genesis story of creation. It’s a story that keeps going through the ages and right on into the present. It’s a story that gives meaning to our lives. We could call it the true story of thanksgiving — or we could call it the Christian gospel viewed through the lens of that often undervalued virtue known as “gratitude.” It’s a theme that runs through the entire bible. So, let’s take a look at the Christian story of thanksgiving.

First, the bible is clear that God created humanity for gratitude. We exist to appreciate God. He created us to honor him by giving him thanks. Appreciating God as our creator, and his work of redemption through Christ, is fundamental to living a Christian life.

In describing what’s gone wrong with the world, Saint Paul said this: *“Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”* Romans 1:21

Part of what the first man and woman were created to do, was honor God by being thankful. And part of what we exist to do is to honor God by being thankful to Him. Numerous biblical passages attest to this divine truth. Humanity was created to appreciate God and to give Him thanks. But as we’ve already seen from Romans 1:21, ingratitude wasn’t far away.

Second, we all have failed miserably in appreciating and giving thanks to God as we should. Humanity keeps reliving the Garden of Eden story. Satan, in his essence, is an ingrate. Satan wanted more: more power, more glory. At the heart of the story of the fall, is the revelation that Satan has sunk his venom of ingratitude to humanity. Satan’s sin becomes the first sin of all humanity: the sin of ingratitude. Adam and Eve are, simply, painfully ungrateful for what God gave. Isn’t that the catalyst of all our sin?

Our fall was, has always been, and always will be, that we aren’t satisfied in God and what God gives. We hunger for something more, something other. Satan the ingrate spawns unthankfulness in Adam and Eve, who pass it along to all of us. Both before our conversion and after, we are unthankful people. This is so painfully true.

And we not only fail to be thankful like we ought, but we also fail to get the balance right between physical and spiritual. In our sin, we fail again and again to get the proportions right. Only with divine redemption are we able to grow toward a balance that goes something like this: *Christians are thankful for all God’s gifts, especially his eternal gifts, and especially the surpassing value of knowing his Son. “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.”* Philippians 3:8

Third, God himself, in the person of his Son, Jesus, entered into our thankless world, lived in flawless appreciation of his Father, and died on our behalf for our chronic ingratitude. It is Jesus, the God-man, who has manifested the perfect life of thankfulness. The texts where Jesus gives his Father thanks, is quite an impressive list. Some examples for you to look up are: *Matthew 11:25; Luke 10:21; John 11:41; Matthew 15:36; Mark 8:6; John 6:11; John 6:23* to mention a few. Also, it is important to remember when our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist (Thanksgiving), “He took bread and when He had *given thanks,*

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Ladies Guild NOVEMBER

If Only ...

For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world.. 1 John 2:16

Of the Word

How many times have those two little words been uttered, “If only”? “If only I can get that raise ... that new car ... that new outfit ... the right diet ... the right exercise plan.” Well, then what? Will everything be okay? Will I really be happy? Will I be safe? Will I live forever?

The world relentlessly chases after such things in the hope that once that certain “something” is attained, then everything will be fine and all anxieties will fade away. Christ Jesus gives a better answer.

Jesus says in Matthew 6:25b “Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

You are worth more than the consumption of food or the wearing of clothes. You are so precious that Jesus came into this world and died on the cross that you might be forgiven of sin and freely receive God’s unfailing love. Worrying about material things does not add one hour to your life, but the grace of Jesus gives us life and life eternal!

Walking with my Lord

Lord, thank You for caring for me in this life and in eternity. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

LWML Sunday - October 20, 2019 THEME: *Faith Like a Mustard Seed*

Thanks to all who participated in the LWML Sunday Worship Service. This year we had a record breaking collection of \$181.00 for our Mite Ministry. Praise the Lord! Please continue to support our mission through the year by putting your loose change and/or dollars in our Mite box in the back of the church.

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. NOV. 26, 2019 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes ...

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



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Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar
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Being Thankful is not in a day, but it's a lifestyle
and
THANKSGIVING-It's not just about a great meal ..It's about A Great God?



BIBLE TRIVIA

OCTOBER TRIVIA QUESTION WITH ANSWER

FOOD, FOOD, FOOD ...

What old man was deceived when his son dressed in goatskin gloves and and presented him with a meal of cooked goat?

ANSWER: Isaac Genesis 27:14-18

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION

FOOD, FOOD, FOOD ...

What did Ezekiel's edible scroll taste like in his mouth?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are in a NURSING HOME: Harriet Rose; and those who are **HOME-BOUND:** Sonja Munzenmaier, Anita Reinert and Marilyn Lang; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Tom McNeely, John Ulicny, Lynn, Tim, Jennifer Gajadhar, Joanne Gajadhar, Karen Carella, Patrice, Diana Green, Connie, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Marie Cappello, Nicole, Jorge Martinez, Grace Serro, Ann Stanton, Ricky Stanton, Nancy Michaelis, Derek Zacchino, Peter Seibel IV, Anthony Novitske, Anna Lee Rife, Yvonne Schadel, Pastor Sam, Ronnie Sowa, Richard Sowa and Dorothy Moore.

Dear Heavenly Father, we gather this Thanksgiving in a way that others may not be able. We enjoy the blessings of warmth, shelter, and provision. Thanks for giving us this time and this meal. You are The Provider, so we give you first thanks. And God thank you for the family and the friends who will be joining us. May our conversations be bright, may we be grateful for each other, and give us the courage to be appreciative of each other. For those who cannot be with us today, we remember them and celebrate them in their absence. Bless this meal to our bodies. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing; the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, and the Indo Pak Ministry that God will continue to bless these ministries and help them to grow.

- **For all of our troops:** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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He broke it..." also, "He took a cup, and when He had *given thanks* He said...." Jesus is not only God himself but also the perfect thankful human. Jesus, the God-man, not only died to forgive our failures in giving God the thanks He's due, but He also lived the perfect life of appreciation and thankfulness, on our behalf, toward His Father.

Finally, by faith in Jesus, we are redeemed from ingratitude and it's just eternal penalty in hell, and freed to enjoy the pleasure of being doubly thankful for God's favor toward us — not only as his creatures, but also as his redeemed.

It is fitting for us as redeemed ingrates to strive to live a life in an ongoing posture of gratitude toward our Redeemer. The kind of life that flows from the amazing grace of God through Jesus, is a life that is lived in continual thankfulness to God. This is the kind of life in which the Christian is being continually renewed, and grows each day to be more like Jesus.

And so, the apostle Paul encourages Christians in his letter to the Colossians to have lives characterized by thanksgiving. "*May you be "strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."* Colossians 1:11-12

"...as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And *be thankful*. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, *with thankfulness in your hearts to God*. 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.*" Colossians 3:15-17

Only in Jesus, are we able to become the kind of persistently thankful people God created us to be, and, to fulfill our human destiny of thanksgiving. For the Christian, with both feet standing firmly in the good news of Jesus, there are possibilities for a true thanksgiving which we otherwise would never know.

Adapted from an article written by [David Mathis](#) pastor at [Cities Church in Minneapolis/St. Paul](#).

Peace in Christ,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar



God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

WISHING YOU the happiest of
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

- November 4 Janet Ciminelli
- November 7 Deanna Bardolf
- November 11 Ida Myers
- November 13 Marilyn Leipold
- November 13 Sharon Rouzier



DEADLINE IS NOV. 10th

\$9 Donation

A \$9 donation per shoebox gift is critical to cover shipping and other ministry expenses.

Contact person is:
Liane Runco (718) 357-4681

Children in Fiji receive shoeboxes filled with supplies and gifts. *Courtesy of Operation Christmas Child*

A call for Queens residents to volunteer to help those in need

Three years later, Dushime and his family moved to Buffalo, New York through a refugee resettlement program.

"This showed me that God can use anything and anywhere to bring hope where all hope is lost." Dushime said in a video, "These shoeboxes that you pack not only can they change individual lives but they can also change entire communities like I have seen in my life."

Samaritan's Purse established Operation Christmas Child in 1993 and has collected and delivered more than 168 million gift shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories around the world. The project's mission is to "demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need" and spread the message of Christianity.

"Many of these children have never received a gift before in their lives." says Regional Area Coordinator Danielle McCarty. "We wanted to share through firsthand accounts how these simple messages of love and hope are delivered and the life-changing impact they have."

A project run by an international Christian organization wants Queens residents to take a worldwide trip with a shoebox ahead of the holiday season.

On Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 Operation Christmas Child called on locals to pack shoeboxes of school supplies, hygiene items and toys for children around the world. According to Samaritan's Purse, the organization that runs the project, this year's goal is to pack enough boxes for 12,000 children in need.

Participants went to Queens Herald Church in Fresh Meadows to experience the shoebox's journey from packing to its worldwide impact.

The Incredible Journey of a Shoebox even features firsthand accounts of gift distributions in Tanzania. Including the story of Yves Dushime, who found comfort in his shoebox at age 11 after fleeing the ripple effects of the Rwandan genocide.

Dushime recalls receiving a warm scarf, an item he saw as a promise from God that he and his family would escape life as refugees.

"How shall I be a good steward for the Lord, for all the good things God has done for me?"

Loyalty Sunday November 17th

Because we realize that some of our church family will not be able to join us on Loyalty Sunday, please use one of the following ways to make your pledge.

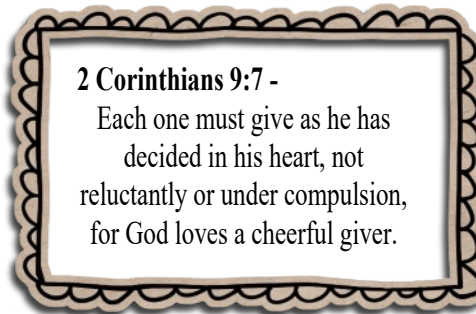
There are 3 options:

Put your pledge card in an envelope and mail it to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 44-10 192nd Street, Flushing, NY 11358

Send an email to Eleanor Johnson: resurrection.lutheran@verizon.net who will record your pledge and send you a confirmation email in return.

Complete the Stewardship form found in your STEWARDSHIP Packet and return it in person on LOYALTY SUNDAY, November 17.

All pledges are confidential. In addition, all pledges received before Loyalty Sunday will be placed before the altar with those presented on the day itself. Hopefully, these alternative methods of making your pledge are convenient for you. They assist us in that the more pledges we receive by Loyalty Sunday, the less follow-up is required.



2 Corinthians 9:7 -

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



LOOKING AHEAD Christmas Plant Sale

In the coming weeks, look for sign-up sheet included in the Sunday bulletin or call the office to order your Christmas Plant(s) to adorn our Altar for Christmas. (718) 463-4292



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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We Are BLESSED



						
ALL SAINTS' DAY 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak NEWSLETTER MEETING Daylight Saving Time ENDS		 Office Closed	 9:00am HEALING SERVICE Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 7:30pm Choir Practice			
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak DEADLINE for Christmas Soebox Collection Martin Luther's Birthday Born 1483			 Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 7:30pm Choir Practice			
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak LOYALTY SUNDAY			 Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 4:00pm 7:30pm Choir Practice		Newsletter DEADLINE	
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak Voter's Meeting	 COMMUNITY Thanksgiving WORSHIP SERVICE Saint Andrew's Catholic Church 7:30pm	Ladies Guild 7:00pm	 Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am Shared Faith Ministries Service @ 7:30pm St. John's NO Choir Practice	 THANKSGIVING Office Closed		

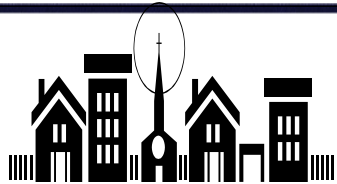
Serving Schedule:



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<p><u>November 3, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Jenny Gajadhar</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora George Fisher</p> <p>Greeter: Dottie McNeely</p> <p>Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely</p>	<p><u>November 10, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: George Fisher</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora George Fisher</p> <p>Greeter: Sharon Rouzier</p> <p>Altar Care: Dottie McNeely Eleanor Johnson</p>	<p><u>November 17, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora George Fisher</p> <p>Greeter: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p>	<p><u>November 24, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Gary Carella</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora George Fisher</p> <p>Greeter: Ada Gavora</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p>	
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Saint Andrew Avellino Roman Catholic Church is hosting the COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Service.

COMMUNITY

Address: 35-60 158th St, Flushing, NY 11358

Thanksgiving



**Monday, November 25th
7:30pm**

WORSHIP SERVICE

- SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am
Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am
Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm
Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm
- THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm
- SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm



Shared Faith Ministries

Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH @ at 7:30pm



DEADLINE:

**Newsletter Articles
November 22, 2019**



An ORGAN FUND has been set-up to help with the cost. If you would like to contribute to this ORGAN FUND please make a check payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church and put **ORGAN FUND** in memo line.

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 287

Matt.24:26-51

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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

DOOR	ANGELS
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GIVING	CARCASS
GLORY	DARKENED
GOOD	DESERT
KEEP	DISTRESS
LEARN	FATHER
MOON	FAITHFUL
NOAH	GNASHING
POWER	GRINDING
STARS	HEAVEN
TEETH	LIGHTNING
TIME	MARRIAGE
TREE	MASTER
TRUTH	SERVANT
TWIGS	SHAKEN
VISIBLE	SUMMER
WATCH	TENDER
WISE	TRUMPET

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Shared Faith Ministries Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICES



Wed. November 27st
Thanksgiving Eve @ St. John's @ 7:30pm



Wed. December 4th
Mid-Week Advent @ Resurrection @ 7:30pm (lite supper at 6:30pm)

Wed. December 11th
Mid-Week Advent @ St. John's @ 7:30pm (lite supper at 6:30pm)

Wed. December 18th
Mid-Week Advent @ Resurrection @ 7:30pm (lite supper at 6:30pm)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve @ Resurrection at 6:00pm
Christmas Eve @ St. John's at 8:00pm

Wednesday, December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
St. John's at 10:00am

NO NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

EPIPHANY

Epiphany Monday - January 6, 2020 - Resurrection at 7:30pm



Our Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word,
the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,
ministering to one another and to those in the
community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers
so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith
relationship with Jesus.

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 Sunday Worship 9:15am
 * (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)
 Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am
 Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU

