### Outline for a Brief Thanksgiving Worship Service Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

<u>Hymn</u> Come, You Thankful People, Come

**LBW 407** 

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>: Almighty God, 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 gifts, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading Deuteronomy 8:6-18

<u>Hymn</u> Praise and Thanksgiving, Father, You Offer

**LBW 409** 

### Psalm of Thanksgiving (Psalm 65)

God, be merciful to us and bless us; look on us with kindness, so that the whole world may know your will, so that all nations may know your salvation. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, because you judge the peoples with justice and guide every nation on earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The land has produced its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us. God has blessed us; let all people everywhere honor him.

**Reading** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Hymn For the Fruit of All Creation

**WoV 760** 

#### **Thanksgiving Litany**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

For in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise of those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, make of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with all our gifts. Therefore we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

**LBW 241** 

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Joint Mission Statement: Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world, freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.

## <u>Keeping in Touch, November 22, 2020</u>



### **Prayers of Comfort**

Family & Friends of Don Williquette—Pastor Gail's friend Family & Friends of Rosalyn Roloff—Jill Reiche's mom

Family & Friends of Debbie Ross—Jane's daughter-in-law

Family & Friends of Gladys Tackes—Cal's mother

Family & Friends of Sharon—Marie Dahlke's daughter

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles . . . 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4a

**Please remember** that your regular giving is still urgently needed. Your faithfulness is noted, and much appreciated! God bless you for your generosity.

# St Stephen, St John and the Mill Church

would like to request your help in assisting the Circle of Joy in providing Christmas meals for families.

Each meal would only cost \$35 and will feed a family of 5-6 people.

Where: St Stephen, the money will be dropped off like a drive thru

When: Saturday, November 28 1:00 pm and Saturday, December 5 1:00 pm

You can pay with either cash or check.
Please make checks payable to: Circle of Joy
All money needs to be to the Circle of Joy by 12/8 so
they can have everything in on time.

Please, your help with this community endeavor is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Pastor Gail—Surgery Monday to remove a skin cancer by her right ear.

Jeff—(Rose's husband) hospitalized, health concerns.

**Women of St. John,** have you VOTED yet regarding to whom you would like to reach out this Christmas? Vote for one of the following;

- 1. Support LOCAL family only.
- 2. Support Homme Youth & Family Program ONLY.
- 3. Support BOTH Local and Homme Home.

Please vote "virtually" to Shirley Rosien at: srosien@charter.net or call her at: 715-574-3277.

#### The SEARCH continues!

For volunteers to fill these vacant leadership roles!

DEACON (3 yr. term)

TRUSTEE (3 yr. term)

FINANCE COMMITTEE—3 (2 yr. terms)

CEMETERY BOARD (3 yr. term)

PARISH ED (annual terms)

Volunteers please contact Cal Tackes or Rose in the office. Present members will continue to serve until we're able to have our in-person Quarterly Meeting.

