

Give Thanks to God

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;” Eph.5:20

The Apostle Paul reminds us that heartfelt thanks to God by mortal man is to be offered for his goodness and mercy which endures forever. So often we petition our loving Heavenly Father for things which, at the moment, seem so very important to us. Some of our prayers God answers almost immediately, others he may answer after a time, while some requests seem to go unanswered. Because of our impatient nature we would desire prompt answers to all of our prayers but we cannot dictate to God when or how he chooses to respond. Upon the authority of God’s word we find that he indeed hears all the earnest prayers of his righteous children, however in his infinite love and wisdom and in his own time, he chooses to grant to us those things which benefit our undying souls. Thanks should be offered therefore for both the prayers we recognize he has answered and also those which have not yet been answered or have been answered in a different way than we expected. With humbled hearts we must acknowledge that he, alone, is all knowing, almighty, and we do not see the future clearly as he does. Therefore we trust him because he does all things well. Isn’t it wonderful, dear friend, that we have one in whom we can have such confidence and assurance?

Faithful men of old joyfully raised their hands heavenward and offered thanks unto the Lord for his blessings. Oh, that we too would always remember today to thank God from whom all blessings flow. In his epistle James writes, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Jas.1:17* What divine providence we undeserving children receive daily from his generous hand of love.

At this time of year, during the harvest season, many in America observe Thanksgiving Day with feasts and parties but true thanks to God for our manifold blessings is many times lacking. As God’s children, let us be reminded once again to offer earnest, heartfelt, prayers of thanks to God not only on this special day, but each and every day.

Above all, dear Brother and Sister in faith, let us consider the greatest gift and blessing; namely the gift of salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Today, by his grace alone, and through the remission of our sins by the cleansing power of his blood, we are privileged to embrace a lively hope of eternal life in our hearts and await that glorious day when our faith can be changed to sight and hope to attainment. Thanks be to God for the testimony of the Holy Spirit dwelling in our believing hearts as the Apostle Paul writes, *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and-joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be*

also glorified together.” Rom.8:16-17 Heaven is our home beloved and in that land that is fairer than day there awaits us, *“—an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” I Peter 1:4-5*

Do we have reason to be thankful? I believe we must all say in one accord with the Psalmist David, *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6* Let us therefore with joyful hearts serve him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Ken Storm – pastor

Nov 2	Ken Storm	Holy Communion
Nov 9	Jim Johnson	
Nov 16	Ken Storm	
Nov 23	Paul Copponen / Chad Kuivanen	Potluck Meal Following Service
Nov 30	Nathan Ruonavaara	

Notices and Looking Ahead:

Telephone “call in line” - to be Discontinued January 2015

at the Oct. annual meeting the members voted to discontinue the Sunday call in phone line for listening to sermons. Those wishing to listen to sermons remotely will need to use the internet, and listen to sermons from our webpage. Previous sermons are also available.

Sunday School Christmas Program scheduled December 14th

Caroling 3:30
Program 4pm - Meal following service.

Board Members

- Charles Korhonen – Chairman
- Chad Kuivanen
- Curtis Lampinen
- Gary Goddard
- Jon Lehtinen
- Tom Mackrain
- William Aho

Fall/Winter Schedule

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:45am
Sunday Service 11:00am.

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Online Broadcasts

From our webpage: <http://www.tapiolachurch.org/> you will see the mixlr live audio – we will be 'on the air' during our church services. Previous sermons will be published to as well.

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