

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021; THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
**Pastor Tom Olson; Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran Church**

**PRELUDE:** Carol Gustafson

**HYMN #146 “We Gather Together”**

**RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 67**

**PASTOR:** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine upon us,

**CONGREGATION:** that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.

**PASTOR:** May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

**CONGREGATION:** May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

**PASTOR:** May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

**CONGREGATION:** Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**PRAYER**

**HYMN #149 “Thanks to God for My Redeemer”**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON:** Thankful for Family and Friends

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. 2 Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. 4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. 6 Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land--a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.*

**EPISTLE LESSON:** *1 Timothy 2:1-4 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

**READER: Here ends the reading of God's Word.**

**CONGREGATION SINGS: God be praised, for His glad Tidings!**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

**GLORIA PATRI:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is not, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP SONGS: Chosen by Carol**

**SERMON TITLE: "THANKFUL FOR HEALING"  
Luke 17:11-19; Pastor Tom Olson; November 21, 2021**

*Dear Friends, Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

## **I. DESPERATE FOR HEALING**

*Luke 17:11-14 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.*

## **II. THANKFUL FOR HEALING**

*Luke 17:15-18 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

## **III. LIVING BY FAITH**

*Luke 17:19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

**HYMN #145 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:** *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

**BENEDICTION:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and grant you peace. Amen

**HYMN #144 "Come, Ye Thankful, Come"**

**POSTLUDE:** Rebekah Olson