

**Prayers of the Church**

**L:** Give me your eyes, Lord

**R:** Hear our prayer.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Prayer**

**C:** Father, show me how to pray in such a way that people's eyes are opened so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the grip of Satan to the freedom of God. Your word commands us to go into the world so that the lost may receive the forgiveness of their sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in You! Use me to be a lighthouse for my family, my neighbors, my city and beyond so that You alone will receive the glory! And when eyes are opened may they see and experience new life as they reach their final shore. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Praise Song**

**Sending**

**"My Lighthouse"**



*"Give me your eyes for just one second  
Give me your eyes so I can see  
Everything that I keep missing  
Give me your love for humanity."*

First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC  
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Connections Educational Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Charter/Spectrum: Ch. 181 - Sun. 2:30 p.m.;

Wed. 2:00 p.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.;

Wed. 11:00 a.m.

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The Staff at First St. Paul's would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are truly blessed to serve this congregation!

*Give Me  
Your Eyes*

**Service of Praise and  
Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, November 23rd  
7:00 p.m.**



For at one time you were darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light.  
Ephesians 5:8



"Lord, when did we see you  
hungry or thirsty or a stranger  
or needing clothes or sick or in  
prison, and did not help you?"

"I am sending you, to open their eyes so that  
they may turn from darkness to light and  
from the dominion of Satan to God..."  
Acts 26:18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn No. 532 "Gather Us In"

Responsive Reading

Reader 1: This Thanksgiving let us be reminded  
of the many blessings we have been given.

C: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole  
heart; I will recount all of your wonderful  
deeds. -Psalm 9:1

Reader 2: This Thanksgiving let us look back on  
the year we have had and surrender to the all -  
knowing God who is in control of the steps we  
take.

C: The one who offers thanksgiving as his  
sacrifice glorifies me; the one who orders his  
way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" -  
Psalm 50:23

Reader 1: My God, I thank you for the good and  
the bad times knowing each season of life can  
draw me closer to you.

C: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing  
praises to your name, O Most High;  
-Psalm 92:1

Reader 2: Today, no matter what my  
circumstances are, I say thank you for another  
day that I may draw a breath to praise you for  
what you have done.

C: Do not be anxious about anything, but in  
everything, by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving, let your requests be made  
known to God. -Philippians 4:6

Reader 1: I have held back long enough. I have  
made it about me.

Reader 2: Not anymore. I step aside and want  
to catch a glimpse of your majesty; of your  
glory.

Cong: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his  
name; make known his deeds among the  
peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell  
of all his wondrous works! -Psalm 105:1-2

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:12-18

Praise Song "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Children's Sermon

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Homily: "Give Me Your Eyes"

Praise Song (Sing 2x). "Open Our Eyes"

*Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus,*

*To reach out and touch him*

*And say that we love him.*

*Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen,*

*Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

Apostles Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus  
Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the  
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he  
descended to the dead. On the third day he  
rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is  
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he  
will come to judge the living and the dead. I  
believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory by Joyful Noises.

"Thankful"