

## Hallelujah!

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.

This month's favorite Bible verse is: **Psalm 118:1** 

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 118 is an "Hallelujah" psalm, meaning "Praise the LORD!" Long ago, God's people sang the words of this psalm toward the end of their Passover meal. It was a special occasion time for the God's people to remember how he had rescued their nation from slavery in Egypt; it was a picture of God's rescue of all people from their slavery to sin. The Passover meal reminded each generation how much God truly loved them.

Would disaster continue to interrupt their lives? Would prosperity be withheld? Would earthly death continue to pick away at their loved ones? Yes, yes, and yes. Yet the people sang out praise and thanks to their merciful God for deliverance from all these trials of life. . . and more: "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4,5).

It is the custom in North America to gather this time of year to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. Whether you are with family, friends, or celebrating alone, take the time to give thanks to our Savior-God for his mercy and deliverance from death through Jesus. Jesus

shows us that God is good. Even when times are tough, Jesus proves that his love for us endures forever.

## **Updates for Sunday, November 1st, 2020**

Did you know that the 2020 General Election in on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020? Visit <u>myvote.wi.gov</u> to see what's on your ballot and to find out where to vote.

We are now collecting canned and boxed goods for our annual food basket distribution until November 22, 2020. Also, we request grocery store gift cards of \$15 or \$20 for perishable items.

We observe CDC guidelines. Therefore, church pews have been roped off allowing for limited seating capacity. To this end, those who are feeling unwell, or have underlying health conditions are asked to remain home and view the worship on Facebook, or YouTube.

If you have a face mask, wear it to our church service.

Otherwise, one will be provided for you.

Church doors will open Sunday at 9:15 am and will be closed at 9:45 am. Anyone arriving after 9:45 am will be redirected to Hoffmann Hall, so that the livestream is not interrupted.

Siloah Lutheran School is enrolling students for the 2020 - 2021 school year from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For more information, call the school office at 414-873-8240.