

Eastern Mission
Apostolic Lutheran Church of America

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Dear Friends,

This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving. It's a time of reflection for all of God's providence in our lives. We are reminded time and time again in the Holy scriptures to give thanks unto the Lord. But often we only thank Him for the things that make our lives easier or better. But what about those things that give us hardship? Shouldn't the Lord be thanked for that as well? We would do well to remember the words of St Paul in his letter to the Romans,

“We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”

So this Thanksgiving, give thanks for the gifts the Lord gives, including the seemingly negative things.

God bless you all,

Drew Holmgren