

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 22, 2023



*Give
Thanks*

Let them
thank the LORD
for his
steadfast love,
for his
wonderful works
to humankind.
Psalm 107:8

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AS WE GATHER – On this day of national Thanksgiving, God invites us on a journey of giving thanks. Amidst the busyness of our daily lives, there are times when we are like the nine, who, healed as they were, simply did not return and give thanks to Jesus. The despised Samaritan, an outsider entirely, serves to remind us that real gratitude often comes from some of the least likely people. Most of all, Luke 17 reminds us of the Good News—God telling us that we are indeed broken but that He promises to continue being His good and gracious self. God’s generosity to us knows no bounds. Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETING

P: Peace be with you!

C: And also with you.

HYMN “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to listen to God's Word, call upon Him in thanksgiving and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness to be invited to the feast of our Savior and confess before Him our sins of thought, word, and deed. Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we turn to our gracious Lord for His pardon and peace, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for

His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORY

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach me Your paths.

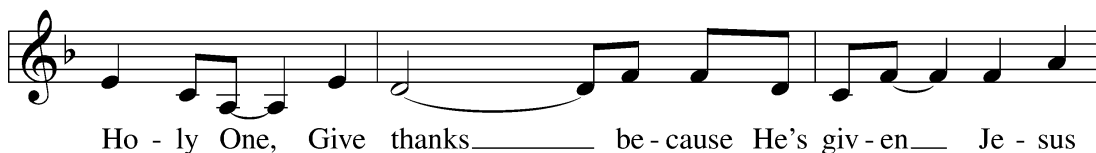
P: Sanctify us in You truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Give Thanks with a grateful Heart” LSB 806



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en__
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:6–20

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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SERMON

CATECHISM *Explanation to the 1st Article of the Apostles Creed*

P: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

C: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

P: He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

C: All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Instrumental Duet:

"We Gather Together"

Janelle Bonson & Linda Lueke

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Filled with gratitude for all of God's mercy and provision, let us pray for the Church, for our nation, for our local community, and for our own needs, filled with thanksgiving that Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. For the Church throughout the world,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For the pastors, teachers, and all church workers of our Synod,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For missionaries far away and in difficult circumstances in our own nation,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For the elected leaders of our nation, state, and local community,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For doctors and nurses, fire fighters and police officers,
construction and restaurant workers, teachers and counselors,
and everyone else who contributes to the well-being of our
community,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For Your presence with those who are sick, dying, or mourning,
[especially...], Great Physician,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For the people in our lives who love us and those we are called to
love—families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For safe travel for those gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving Day,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For the ongoing generosity of this congregation, which provides
Word and Sacrament ministry, Christ-centered community, and
service to our neighbors,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For the life and witness of those who have gone before us in faith
and now rest from their labors eternally in the arms of Jesus,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Special Prayers

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For**

Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN GOD AND LOVE OF COUNTRY

+++ Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag +++

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

+++ Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag +++

All: I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord, Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands; one Savior, King Eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Welcome to Peace in the name of the Risen Savior!

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