

Service Sheet

Prelude

The Prelude

Rest. Refocus. Put away worldly cares. Welcome the Lord.

Welcome

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We are Gathered by God--

C: To Share the Love of Jesus!

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Gathering Prayer - ThanksLiving

P: Let us pray together:

C: Heavenly Father, every good gift comes from Your hand.

C: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may recognize Your boundless goodness

C: and give thanks to You with all our heart for Your love and tender mercy;

C: through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed
and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Introit - ThanksLiving

P: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

P: O Lord, how manifold are Your works!

**C: In wisdom have You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures.**

P: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

C: When You give it to them, they gather it up;

P: When You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

C: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

P: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works.

**C: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

*P: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.*

**C: Bless the Lord,
O my soul!**

P: Praise the Lord!

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

Creed - ThanksLiving

*P: Confessing our faith and expressing our thanks are strongly tied together.
P: In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther focused on the theme of thankfulness
P: in explaining the First Article of the Creed, about God the Father, our Creator.
P: We confess our faith in our providing God:*

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

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

P: For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

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

P: For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

**C: 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,
C: without any merit or worthiness in me.**

P: For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

C: This is most certainly true.

Confession & Absolution - ThanksLiving

*P: As we join to praise God for all His good gifts this Thanksgiving,
P: let us first confess that we have often failed to give Him thanks as we ought.*

(We keep a time of silence to consider our failings of gratitude.)

P: O Lord, we have not done our duty.

C: We have not thanked You as You deserve.

P: We have not praised You as You deserve.

C: We have not served You as You deserve.

P: We have not obeyed You as You deserve.

C: We have taken Your gifts for granted.

P: We have indeed sinned, in these and many other ways.

So we pray:

**C: Be merciful to us,
O God!**

*P: Jesus has redeemed us, lost and condemned people,
P: purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;
P: not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood,
P: and with His innocent suffering and death.*

*P: And so, as a servant of Christ,
I tell you:
Your sins are forgiven*
P: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

Peace - ThanksLiving

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

P: Give thanks to the God of gods,
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

*P: The Lord remembered us
in our low estate,*
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

P: He rescued us from our foes,
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

P: He gives food to all flesh,
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
C: His steadfast love endures forever;

P: The peace of the Lord be with you!
C: And also with you!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Prayer of the Day - ThanksLiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

**C: Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing
C: and You invite us to gather in the fruits of the earth for our good.**

**C: As stewards of Your creation, move us to receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness
C: to and share Your bounty with those in need;**

**C: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
C: one God, now and forever; Amen.**

Scriptures

**Readings from
Holy Scripture**

Old Testament - ThanksLiving

Old Testament Reading

Ezra 3:1-14

^{3:1} When the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem.

^{3:2} Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

^{3:3} They set the altar in its place, for fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the Lord, burnt offerings morning and evening.

^{3:4} And they kept the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the rule, as each day required,

^{3:5} and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord.

^{3:6} From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.

^{3:7} So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

^{3:8} Now in the second year after their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their kinsmen, the priests and the Levites, and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the Lord.

^{3:9} And Jeshua with his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together supervised the workmen in the house of God, along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and brothers.

^{3:10} And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel.

^{3:11} And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, **"For He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."** And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

^{3:12} But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy,

^{3:13} so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle - ThanksLiving

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians
5:12-24

5:12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

5:13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

5:14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

5:15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

5:16 Rejoice always,

5:17 pray without ceasing,

5:18 **give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

5:20 Do not despise prophecies,

5:21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.

5:22 Abstain from every form of evil.

5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5:24 He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel - ThanksLiving

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

**C: Glory to You,
O Lord!**

17:11 On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

17:12 And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

17:13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

17:14 When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;

17:16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks.

Now he was a Samaritan.

17:17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"

17:18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

17:19 And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

For the Fruits of His Creation

For the fruits of His creation,

Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev'ry nation,

Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs

in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests
we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all,
that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

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Prayers of the Church

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Prayers - ThanksLiving

*P: Let us come before almighty God to thank Him for countless blessings
P: and to ask His grace and mercy for ourselves and all who call out to Him in faith, saying:
P: Lord, in Your mercy;*

C: Hear our prayer.

I: Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is true,

C: We give thanks that Your Word of promise is truth itself,

C: and we pray that in governments and societies from the national level to our own community

C: truth will prevail and falsehood be exposed.

I: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: Hear our prayer.

I: Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is honorable,

C: We give thanks that You have honored the lowly in Your compassionate love,

C: and we pray that Your Spirit will guide us to honor Your name and kingdom

C: in everything that we say and do.

I: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: Hear our prayer.

I: O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is just,

C: We give thanks that Jesus' sacrifice covers our sins before the Father's throne,

C: and we pray that justice will prevail in the institutions of our land.

C: Cause Your peace to break out between neighbors and countries.

I: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: Hear our prayer.

I: Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is pure,

C: We give thanks for the pure Gospel as clergy and lay leaders proclaim it,

C: and we pray that You guide, protect, and direct the Church wherever it is found

C: so that it may grow in faith and numbers.

I: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: Hear our prayer.

I: Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is lovely,

C: We give thanks for the good and bountiful earth You have given us,

C: and we pray You to bless those who sow and till, those who produce and distribute,

C: so that daily bread will be available to all the people of this planet.

I: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: Hear our prayer.

I: O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is commendable,

C: We give thanks for the gifts You give to people that they may care for one another,

C: and we pray that You will open the eyes of all so that we will work together

C: to serve the weak and forgotten, the sick and poor around us.

I: Lord, in Your mercy;

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You alone are excellent and worthy of praise.

P: Hear the thanks in our hearts for whatever our lips have failed to speak;

C: Guide our feet into Your loving paths that thanksgiving will abound

C: as we serve You and those around us to the glory of Your holy name;

C: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever; Amen.

Lord's Prayer - Now as our Savior...

P: Now as our Savior has taught us, so we give thanks and pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,**

**C: Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

C: Give us this day our daily bread;

**C: and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**C: and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**C: For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,**

C: forever and ever; Amen.

Offering - Tithes

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Fruit We Bear

Let us agree that we will be signs of the life to come.
And may we believe, and freely receive all that God has done.

May the fruit we bear be Christ: may the harvest be ripe.
Oh, the fruit won't fall so far from the tree
Abide in you, abide in me, and the Father is glorified.
May the fruit we bear be Christ.

As we live, may we forgive gratefully each day.
And for peace, for love to increase, Holy Spirit, we pray.

May the fruit we bear be Christ: may the harvest be ripe.
Oh, the fruit won't fall so far from the tree
Abide in you, abide in me, and the Father is glorified.
May the fruit we bear be Christ.

May the fruit we bear be Christ: may the harvest be ripe.
Oh, the fruit won't fall so far from the tree
Abide in you, abide in me, and the Father is glorified.
May the fruit we bear be Christ.

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Offertory Prayer - ThanksLiving

P: Let us pray together:

C: Give us, O Lord, hearts that gladly give.

C: Even as You gave Your all for us, so may we give our all to You.

C: Though we have received much from Your gracious hand,

C: bless us to give not because of our abundance, but because of Your love for us,

C: given so clearly in Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray; Amen.

Benediction - ThanksLiving

P: Let us bless the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God!

*P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,*

*P: and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

C: Amen.

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us.
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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Sending

P: We are Gathered by God

C: to Share the Love of Jesus!

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Farewell - ThanksLiving

*God bless your
Thanksgiving feast
with His presence
and the
best of His gifts!*

Postlude

The Postlude

*Please be seated.
Remember. Reflect.
Give thanks.*