

DAY OF THANKSGIVING



**From *Giving* Thanks
to *Being* Generous
November 22, 2023**

Everyone is asked to silence or put their **cell phones** on vibrate while attending church services.

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!

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God's good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God's re-creating word of forgiveness.

People: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. And like the nine lepers, we fail to thank You as we should.

Pastor: Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as an ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

For Your goodness and mercy to us, O Lord,

People: we give You thanks.

Pastor: For forgiving our sins through Christ,

People: we give You thanks.

Pastor: For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,

People: **we give You thanks.**

Pastor: Guide us to live each day in gratitude to You, through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“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.² And 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.³ And 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.⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell

these forty years.⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.⁷ For 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,⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,⁹ a 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.¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was

healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

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. 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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SERMON

CATECHISM

Explanation to the First Article

Pastor: 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.

Men: ***He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.***

Women: ***He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.***

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

People: **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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: 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.

People: For the Church throughout the world,
we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the pastors, teachers, and all church workers of our Synod,
People: **we give You thanks, O Lord.**

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

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: 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,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For Your presence with those who are sick, dying, or mourning,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: 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,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: We entrust our prayers to You, gracious Father, who with Your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit reign forever as God of all.

People: Amen.

HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING/OFFERTORY

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

People: Thank You, Lord.

Pastor: The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

People: Thank You, Lord.

Pastor: The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Thank You, Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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For with you is the fountain of life;



in your light we see light. Psalm 36:9

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Service Times

Sunday

Chancel Choir Practice	8:15 am
Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Bible Study	11:15 am

Tuesday

Mid-week Bible Study	10:00 am
3 rd Tuesday Men's Breakfast/Royal Cafe	8:30 am

Wednesday

Quilters	9:00 am
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Thursday

1 st and 3 rd week	
<i>Permission to Grieve</i> Group	10:00 am

Monday-Thursday (9am-2pm)

****Closed Friday****

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