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**THANKSGIVING EVE**

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

## As We Gather

A Day of National Thanksgiving is an honored tradition in this nation. But thankfulness to God is something that transcends national borders and the boundaries of time. God's people are always thankful people, for they know what great things He has done and continues to do for them. In Martin Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Creed, he states that in response to God's great gifts, it is the Christian's "duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Our worship is one way through which we carry out that joyful duty.

### PREPARATION

**Opening Hymn**      **Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng**      **LSB #813**  
**Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!**  
**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;**  
**Your festal banner wave on high,**  
**The cross of Christ your king.** *Refrain*

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

**With voice as full and strong**  
**As ocean's surging praise,**  
**Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,**  
**The psalms of ancient days.** *Refrain*

**With all the angel choirs,**  
**With all the saints on earth**  
**Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,**  
**True rapture, noblest mirth.** *Refrain*

△ **Praise Him who reigns on high,**  
**The Lord whom we adore:**  
**The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**  
**One God forevermore.** *Refrain*

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 95:1–2; 100:4–5; 147:1, 7*

- P** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- C** **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**
  
- P** Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- C** **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!**
  
- P** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
- C** **For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
- C** **to God my exceeding joy.**
  
- P** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- C** **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
  
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.
- C** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we live faithfully and with full thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.**

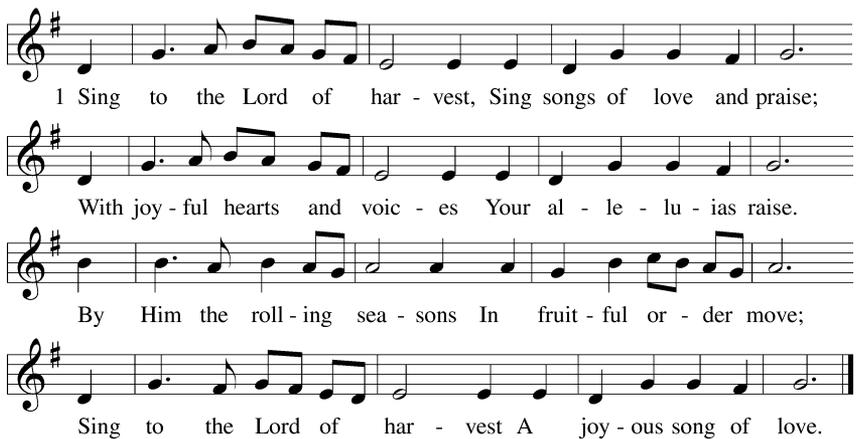
**P** God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

## Song of Praise

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

**LSB #893 v. 1**



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.

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## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with thankful hearts receive Your great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days. Give us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Catechism

**P** Confessing faith and expressing thanks are completely linked together. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther underscored the theme of thankfulness in his explanation of the First Article of the Creed, which focuses on God the Creator. Together we say:

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

**L** What does this mean? 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 For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**L** 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.

**C For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**L** He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

**C For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.  
This is most certainly true.**

## Prayer of the Day

**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.**

## WORD

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 8:1–10 (ESV)*

*A call to remember the goodness of the Lord*

<sup>1</sup> “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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And 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.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 7*

**P** May God be gracious to us and bless us

**C** **and make his face to shine upon us,**

**P** that your way may be known on earth,

**C** **your saving power among all nations.**

**P** Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**C** **let all the peoples praise you!**

**P** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**C for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

**P** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**C let all the peoples praise you!**

**P** The earth has yielded its increase;  
**C God, our God, shall bless us.**

**P** God shall bless us;  
**C let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

## Epistle

*Philippians 4:6–20 (ESV)*

### *Doing everything with thanksgiving to God*

<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I 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. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And 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. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I 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. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours

according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 17:11–19 (ESV)*

*One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

## **Sermon Hymn**

*We Gather Together*

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.**

**Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

**Sermon**

*Whatever Situation*

**Philippians 4:6–20**

**Offering** (*offering and attendance cards can be placed in the offering basket at the back of the church*)

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**(Each petition will close with; Lord in Your mercy... and the congregation replies: Hear our prayer. Prayer requests are listed in the Tidings)**

- P** Merciful God, in our thankful remembrance we recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant that we be inspired by their faithful witness as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together at Your heavenly throne, giving You eternal thanks and praise.  
Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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

## Closing Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

LSB #895

**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 blest 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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