

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Given and Forgiven
November 21 & 22, 2018

AS WE GATHER

On Thanksgiving, most Americans are thankful for God's gift of a table overflowing with special foods, not to mention the family gathered there or the parades and football games filling the rest of the day. But when we gather together around God's Word—coming through our ears in the Readings and sermon—our thanksgiving is for more. God has both given us our daily bread and has also forgiven us our trespasses. Our heavenly Father has given us His Son, the Word made flesh. Our Thanksgiving has no end.

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #893 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The soul Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

People: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Although we are anxious about many things, God's peace comes to us daily. Let us confess our sins, trusting that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father will guard our hearts and minds with His peace. Brothers and sisters, the apostle Paul urges, "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."

People: **We confess that we have spoken lies, dishonored God's name, judged people on sight, adopted society's impure values, failed to tend to God's good creation, and forgotten to thank Him for providing all we need from day to day. Heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son, who did all things well and to whom alone belongs all the praise, we ask you to forgive what is past, graciously strengthen us for this day, and by your indwelling Spirit move our feet to walk in ways pleasing to you.**

Pastor: Paul was inspired to promise, "God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Our heavenly Father does indeed supply your deepest need. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: 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;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1-10* (In the good land, remember God's fatherly care.) "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. 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. 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 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, a land of wheat and barley,

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of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. 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 *Colossians 3:15-17*

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

6:00 CHOIR SONG *"The Blessings of God"* David Lantz

(Rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #806 “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong.” Let the poor say “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

SERMON

“And Be Thankful”

Col. 3:15-17

(Rise)

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. (Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

6:00 SONG DURING OFFERING *“Luther’s Evening Prayer”* Arr. Behnke

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: People loved by God, let us give to Him all thanks and praise this day as we say:

People: you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For the good gifts of this country, our community, our neighbors and all things that fill life with joy and meaning, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For food and drink, for family and friends, for the foretaste of the heavenly feast you grant us even in our earthly gatherings, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For the opportunity to share your good gifts with those less fortunate, for every act of kindness and compassion, for every listening ear and caring heart, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For those who labor to hold chaos at bay: those entrusted with civil authority, our first responders, our service men and women, our health-care workers and social workers, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For those who tenderly care for the weak and vulnerable among us, those who work in nursing homes and child-care centers, and all who keep watch that others may sleep in peace, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For those who teach and those who learn in the schools of the church and of the nation, and for all who seek to impart the light of knowledge and the hope of betterment, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For the gift of the Word of God, for those who proclaim it so faithfully among us, and for those who gather to hear it, ponder it and grow in it, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For the grace of Baptism and the gift of a fresh start to each day in your forgiving love, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For the promise of everlasting life, for those we knew and love who have fallen asleep in Him, for the new heavens and the new earth, and for the city with foundations, whose builder is God, we give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For the glory of your holiness, the comfort of your love, the joy of sins forgiven and the peace of death defeated, We give you thanks and praise,

People: for you are the God of all blessings!

Pastor: For all these blessings and so many more that we can never number or name them all, for all people and for all things, we praise and thank you, O Lord, our God. Indeed, for all of your goodness, and especially eternal salvation you have given us as gift, receive our sincere thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Be seated)

HYMN #892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide;
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

(Rise)

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN #895 "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 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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