

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 27, 2024

“Think, Thank, Talk”

AS WE GATHER

The Day of Thanksgiving provides us a special time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for His countless blessings in our lives. Even when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God to faithfully respond to the Lord in gratitude and worship. In today’s Epistle, we will see how Paul was taught by times of hardship how he could be content. Paul’s awareness of God’s ever-faithful provision led him to “abound” in thanksgiving! May we do the same every day, abounding in thanksgiving to the God who “will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus!” (Philippians 4:19)

THE EUCHARIST *is one of the names for the **Lord’s Supper**, and it means “Thanksgiving”. There is every reason to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving as the exalted Lord comes to us with His body and blood for our forgiveness! Jesus also gives us reason to live by every word that God speaks. Because the Bible bears witness to unity in faith (doctrine) by those communing together, we ask **guests** desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.*

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN #790 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*



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



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES

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

C: Amen.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

P: For the Lord is good; His mercy endures forever,

C: and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 69:30; 100:4–5

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Deuteronomy 8:6

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to bow before Him in thanksgiving, and to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper, let us first confess before our holy God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We daily fall short of His glory. We can never purify ourselves from our sins. Together, as His family in Jesus Christ, let us seek our Father's cleansing forgiveness.

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

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

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.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 67 (ESV)

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!

**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.**

(please be seated)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE #893 *“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”*



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (ESV)

“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, 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE Philippians 4:6-20 (ESV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

THE VERSE *(sung)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

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

C: *(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The First Article and the Explanation as presented by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism

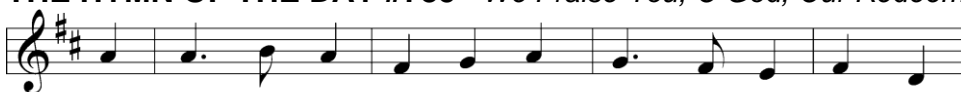
C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; 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. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse 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. 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. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #785 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

THE SERMON "Think, Thank, Talk" Philippians 4:6-20

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS (LSB #895)

(Our offerings from this service will be used in our *Home Mission Fund*.)



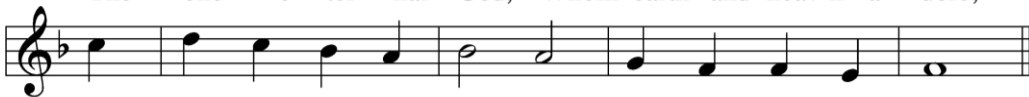
1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
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
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.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

THE 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. For the country in which we live and work, that our land would turn to Christ in praise and thanksgiving for all His blessings and mercies, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings throughout our land!

P: For the Church and her faithful witness throughout the world, that all who serve our Savior may make Him known in word and action, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in Your Church on earth!

P: For all who lead others in our homes and workplaces, that our vocations may be opportunities to serve the One who served us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in our homes and workplaces!

P: For our congregation, that You will strengthen us in following Christ Jesus and always lead us to praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings in the life of our congregation!

P: For all who come to the Lord for healing, especially those whom we name before You in our hearts [*silent prayer*], that they may experience the healing work of Jesus and always turn to Him in thanksgiving and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of healing us in body and in soul!

P: For these and all other needs we have—both spoken and unspoken—that we may boldly pray as children in the presence of our loving Father, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Thank You, Lord, for Your many blessings of answered prayers! Amen.

THE PREFACE *(responses are sung) (page 160 in the hymnal)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Almighty God, it is truly good, right, and salutary that we should offer You thanksgiving every day. You have blessed us in every way. You have provided for us all that we need for life; every day You pour out blessing after blessing upon us. The greatest blessing You have given us is in the forgiveness of sins through Jesus' life, death on the cross and Resurrection for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Revelation 22:20)

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God *(page 163 in the hymnal)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#641 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your
grat - i - tude That You should count us
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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#892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest home;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
Wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,
Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.
Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy gar-ner to a-bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

#789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"



1 Praise and thank-s-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-ber 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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(please stand)

THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have given us pardon for our sins and peace through this Sacrament. Strengthened by Your grace, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will so guide us that we give thanks to You each day in all that we think, say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN “For the Fruits of His Creation” (LSB #894)



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

*Please greet one another!
God grant you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!*

Happy Thanksgiving!

