



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

‘From *Giving* Thanks to *Being* Generous’

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Song “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790*

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: for His steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say,

C: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

P: Let the house of Aaron say,

C: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

P: Let those who fear the LORD say,

C: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

Confession and Absolution

P: 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.

C: 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.

P: Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and 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.

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

✘ WORD ✘

Introit

P: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

C: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! 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; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

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

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

Hymn of Praise “Praise and Thanksgiving” *LSB* 789

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord God, our Creator, Your generosity exceeds our imaginations.

C: Fill us with thankfulness for Your divine goodness and mercy, so that our hearts overflow with generosity in our homes, churches, and communities;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*
(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn “God of Mercy, God of Grace” *TLH* 20

1. God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend Unto earth’s remotest end.

2. Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King, At
Thy feet their tribute pay, And Thy holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits
afford, God to man His blessing give, Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above One in joy and light and love.

Gradual

P: The eyes of all look to You, O LORD,

C: and You give them their food in due season.

P: You open Your hand

C: and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Epistle *Philippians 4:6–20*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel *Luke 17:11–19*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(after the reading)....*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day “We Praise You, O God” *LSB 785*

Sermon

CATECHISM *Explanation to the First Article*

P: 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.*

P: 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, 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

P: 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.

For the Church throughout the world,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For the pastors, teachers, and all church workers of our Synod,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: For missionaries far away and in difficult circumstances in our own nation, **C: we give You thanks, O Lord.**

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

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: 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, **C: we give You thanks, O Lord.**

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

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

P: 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,

C: we give You thanks, O Lord.

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

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)

✕ SACRAMENT ✕

Preface

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: God of abundant generosity, You supply every need according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. We thank You for gifts of house and home, food and clothing, family and friends. Most especially, we thank You for the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, who in His body and blood gives us forgiveness of sins, true life, and salvation from all false gods. For all this it is both our duty and our delight to thank and praise You.

C: To our God and Father be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

Distribution

Distribution Hymns "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"
LSB 812 and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

C: Thank You, Lord.

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

C: Thank You, Lord.

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

C: Thank You, Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" *LSB 895*



Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!

