

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Give Thanks to the Lord



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, Deuteronomy 8:7

For He is Good

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. From our early years, we have likely been told: “Count your blessings!” Can you do that today? As you think about the ways the Lord has blessed you in both body and soul, can you ever count them all? No way! God’s blessings are way too numerous! Nevertheless, as we name our blessings and number them, we pause at each one to say, “Thank You, Lord!” Even when we go through difficult and trying times—and perhaps *especially* when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God and, echoing what is recorded in its sacred pages, 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 today, 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)!

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We’re glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Also on this special day of thanksgiving, we would like you to make a list of (10) things you are grateful for and to give thanks to God for and place it in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work
and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

(Sung) O Lord, open my lips, **LSB 219**

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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**

Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.

PSALMODY

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE...O COME, LET US SING

LSB 220

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods,

The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,

and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,

and we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand.

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.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O come, let us worship Him.

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.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN *Give Thanks to the Lord by Chris Tomlin*

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

What a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1–4*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*

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

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY...COMMON

LSB 221

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.**

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Praise You, O God *LSB 785*

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

SERMON

TE DEUM...WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD LSB 223
We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud,
the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all
the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty;
Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
To be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

OFFERING *(Please put your thanksgiving list in the collection basket)*

PRAYER

KYRIE **LSB 227**
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

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!**

Stand

**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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