

St. Johns Lutheran Church

For the Good Land
He has Given You.



AS WE GATHER

In Luke 17, we hear the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a despised Samaritan. Jesus did not take back His healing of the nine, despite their seeming lack of gratitude. He simply exclaimed, “Where are the nine?” None of us can claim to have never been with the nine. Our national day of Thanksgiving reminds us all that we take so much for granted and that our lives are not always lived in thankfulness and gratitude to God. Yet that does not stop Jesus from loving us, forgiving our sins by His cross, dying and rising for us, and giving us the power of His Spirit to, however imperfectly, express thanks to God.

RINGING OF THE BELLS / WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

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 (on the orange paper provided). Please place it in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

HYMN How Can I Thank You, Lord *LSB 703*

**How can I thank You, Lord,
For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently
Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins
And trespasses I lay,**

**I kindled, holy God,
Your anger ev'ry day.**

**It is Your work alone
That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me
You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace
That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart
Into a heart newborn.**

**Lord, You have raised me up
To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way
That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away;
For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul
All evil I abhor.**

**Grant that Your Spirit's help
To me be always given
Lest I should fall again
And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength
In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart
To serve You willingly.**

Stand
**O Father, God of love,
Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God,
Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be
My ever faithful guide**

**That I may serve You here
And there with You abide.**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:1–4*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

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

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

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.

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.

Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive our sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His

mercy endures forever! Alleluia!

WORD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...

Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204

**To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.**

**For you a-lone are holy;
You only are the Lord,
For-ever and for-ever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

For Your goodness and mercy to us, O Lord,
we give You thanks.

For forgiving our sins through Christ,
we give You thanks.

For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,
we give You thanks.

Guide us to live each day in gratitude to You, through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

Amen.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 67 (Spoken)*

God shall bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth fear Him!
May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make His face to shine up on us,
that Your way may be known on earth,
 Your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
 let all the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for You judge the peoples with equity
 and guide the nations up on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
 let all the peoples praise You!

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

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.

God shall bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1–4*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.³ This is good, and it is pleasing

in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 136:1*

Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-4*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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'er take 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

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Filled with gratitude for all of God's mercy and provision, let us pray, Lord, we give us thanks...

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

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

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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