



THANKSGIVING

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Oh, give thanks unto the Lord!

Thanksgiving

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Opening Hymn: #610 "Now Thank We All Our God" (*from the red hymnal*)

P: In the name of God the Father,

C: Who created us as the crown of his creation.

P: In the name of God the Son,

C: Who redeemed us with his holy blood.

P: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: Who set us apart to be his holy temple. Amen.

P: We have gathered to worship the Lord, our God.

C: He is the one true God.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

Confession and Absolution:

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true and thankful hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess my wrongs:

**my faithless worry that you will not provide,
my selfish misuse of what you have given me,
my wasting of precious time and goods,
my lack of thankfulness for your blessings.**

For all this, you would be justified in casting me from your presence forever. Lord, I am sorry for my thankless ways. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

P: In his great mercy, God has not withheld his goodness from us. He loved the world and gave his only Son. He lavishes blessing after blessing on us. He is gracious, and his love endures forever. As his called servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Be of good cheer! God looks with mercy on us.
Live in thanks to our generous God. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

C: (spoken) Praise to God, immortal praise

**For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe,
Source from where all blessings flow.**

**As your prospering hand has blessed,
May we give you of our best,
And by deeds of kindly love,
For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days:
“Praise to God, immortal praise.”**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may increase in love for you and for each other, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For truly grateful hearts, that we honor you as the Provider of all that is good, and for wisdom to use those gifts wisely,

C: Bless us, O Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Job 2:1-10

(Thankfulness is a matter of faith. It means trusting that God will make all things work together for good, which in turn means that we can thank him in all circumstances.)

¹One day when the sons of God came to stand in front of the Lord, Satan the Accuser came along with them.

²The Lord asked Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the Lord, "From wandering all over the earth."

³The Lord asked Satan, "Have you thought about my servant Job? No one in the world is like him! He is a man of integrity: He is decent, he fears God, and he stays away from evil. And he still holds on to his principles. You're trying to provoke me into ruining him for no reason."

⁴Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! Certainly, a man will give everything he has for his life. ⁵But stretch out your hand, and strike his flesh and bones. He will certainly curse you to your face."

⁶The Lord told Satan, "He is in your power, but you must spare his life."

⁷Satan left the Lord's presence and struck Job with painful boils from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. ⁸Job took a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself as he sat in the ashes.

⁹His wife asked him, "Are you still holding on to your principles? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰He said to her, "You're talking like a godless fool. We accept the good that God gives us. Shouldn't we also accept the bad?"

Through all this Job's lips did not utter one sinful word.

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 100 (Page 104 in the red hymnal)

(Let every creature proclaim the Lord's enduring love and faithfulness with thanksgiving and praise!)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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.**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-4

(St. Paul urges us to give thanks for everyone, including those who are in positions of authority.)

¹First of all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, ²for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way. ³This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 17:11-19

(Jesus was pleased with the thanksgiving that was brought by the Samaritan who returned.)

¹¹Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee on his way to Jerusalem. ¹²As he went into a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and shouted, “Jesus, Teacher, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he told them, “Show yourselves to the priests.” As they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵When one of them saw that he was healed, he turned back and praised God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He quickly bowed at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. (The man was a Samaritan.)

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Weren’t ten men made clean? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Only this foreigner came back to praise God.”

¹⁹Jesus told the man, “Get up, and go home! Your faith has made you well.”

The Confession of Faith

P: We confess our faith using the words of Luther’s Small Catechism (the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed):

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: #540 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim's Throng" (*from the red hymnal*)

The Sermon: Philippians 4:4-9

YOU ALWAYS HAVE REASON TO REJOICE

The Prayer of the Church:

P: Heavenly Father, for opening your hand, and satisfying the desires of every living thing,

C: We thank you, O Lord.

P: For all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, all our material blessings,

C: We thank you, O Lord.

P: For sending every good and perfect gift down from heaven,

C: We thank you, O Lord.

P: For opportunities to hear your Word,

C: We praise you, O Lord.

P: For the joy of serving you,

C: We praise you, O Lord.

P: For the blessings of fellowship, support, and encouragement that we receive as members of your holy Church,

C: We praise you, O Lord.

P: Almighty God, bless and keep us, your holy people.

C: Open our eyes daily to see your kindness.

P: Open our hearts to respond with thanks.

C: Amen.

The 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.

Hymn: #614 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (*from the red hymnal*)

P: Almighty God and Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #613 "Come, You Thankful People, Come" (*from the red hymnal*)

We thank our guest preacher, Pastor Doug Westenburg, for sharing God's Word with us today.