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"In Nomine Iesu"

***God is good...all the time!
All the time...God is Good!***

A Service of Thanksgiving

November 23, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Today as we gather in the name of our Lord, it is with joyful hearts. We are a blessed people! Blessed beyond measure by the grace of God! Too often we complain about what we don't have, or what we wish we did have, rather than thank God for what He has given us. Our national day for Thanksgiving is a unique holiday in the world. America is a nation that has a rich heritage of thankfulness to our God who has blessed us abundantly. May God strengthen our attitude of thankfulness and praise.

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way. May He go beside you to accompany you. May He go behind you to reassure you. May He go above you to protect you. May He go within you to grant you peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prelude *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Robert Hobby
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ The Bells

Order of Service

Opening Hymn *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* LSB #892

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

C **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs and give Him thanks.**

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

P Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us,
and we are His;

C we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;

C give thanks to Him and praise His name.

P For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

C His faithfulness continues through all generations.

P Heavenly Father,

**C We confess that while You are faithful, we are not. We
repent of our many sins and of our thankless living.
Although You have made us Your flock, we like sheep
have often strayed from You. We take for granted
Your loving care and fail to give You thanks and praise
for all that You have done and continue to do for us.
Strengthen us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness.**

P God is indeed faithful and forgives us because of the
suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.
As your brother in Christ, I assure you that your sins are
forgiven through the shed blood of our Savior, (+) Jesus
Christ.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

Psalms 138

P I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C before the gods I sing your praise;

P I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness,

**C for you have exalted above all things your name and
your word.**

P On the day I called, you answered me;

C my strength of soul you increased.

P All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
C **for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

P and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
C **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

P For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
C **but the haughty he knows from afar.**

P Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
C **you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my
enemies, and your right hand delivers me.**

P The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
C **your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not
forsake the work of your hands.**

All **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.**

Salutation

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

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and
You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul.
Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your
goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in
willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹“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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:6-20

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*please stand*)

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C **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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

All 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 ever-lasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Sermon Hymn *“For the Fruits of His Creation”* LSB #894

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering & Musical Offering

“Give Thanks” #806

Hymn of Response *“Now Thank We All Our God”* LSB #895

Thanksgiving Day Prayer *(please remain standing)*

P Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness shown to us and to all people.

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of life; but above all, for Your incomparable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts, we may make known Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages.

C **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

All **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

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.**

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

C **And His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB #805

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude *"Now Thank We All Our God"* David Cherwien

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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