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A Service of Thanksgiving

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

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 "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks" J. Wayne Kerr
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ The Bells

Order of Service

Thanksgiving Harvest Festival Divine Service

(please stand)

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

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness. But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sin have deserved. And that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood. Therefore whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ dwells in him. We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood.

(Silence for reflection)

P Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned**

against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 104:33; Psalm 104:24, 27, 30*

P I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

C **I will sing my praise to my God
while I have my being.**

P O Lord, how manifold are Your works!

C **In wisdom You have made them all.**

The earth is full of Your possessions.

P These all wait for You,

C **that You may give them their food in due season.**

P You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;

C **and You renew the face of the earth.**

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.**

P I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

C **I will sing my praise to my God
while I have my being.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose undeserved goodness abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ “And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, ² that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. ³ And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: ‘My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He has brought us to this place and has given us

this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; ¹⁰ and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.’ Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading *(please stand)*

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." ¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸ So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Sermon

The Order of Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

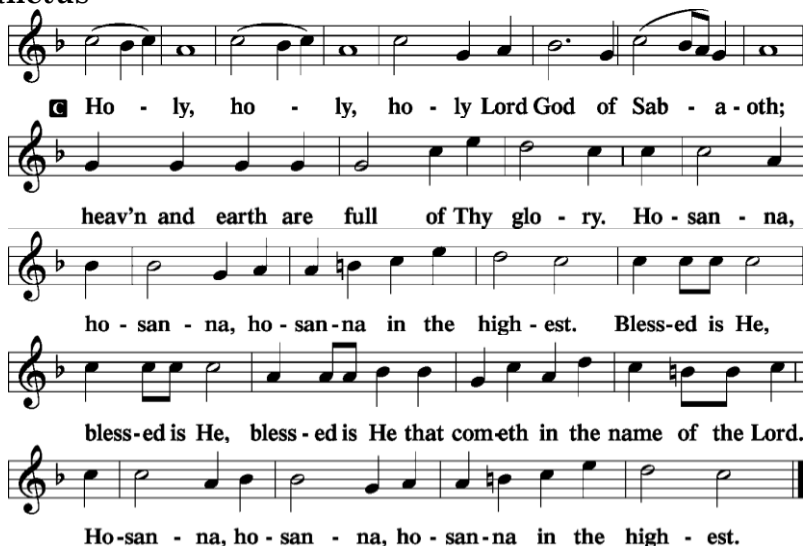
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Distribution *(be seated)*

Distribution Hymns

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB #783

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB #740

Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus (*please stand*)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve You.

C Amen.

Hymn “*On What Has Now Been Sown*” LSB #921

Silent Prayer

(*be seated*)

Postlude “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*” David Cherwien

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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Wishing you and yours a
wonderful Thanksgiving blessed
with love, joy, and peace, and
many precious memories.

