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THANKSGIVING

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Enter his gates
with thanks;
enter his courtyards
with praise!

**Thank
him!**

Bless his name!

PSALM 100:4



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PRELUDE

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Matthew Corl

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

LSB 892



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 136:1-3

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Pastor: O God, our Father, You have shown us how we were created to live in the commandments You gave through Moses and in the holy life of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- People: We confess with shame how slow we are to learn the wisdom of Your Word and our failure to follow Christ.**
- Pastor: For the sake of Your Son Jesus, forgive us all that distracts us from worship, our neglect of the fellowship of Your Table, our faltering witness for Christ, our failure to love and serve our neighbor, and how we have squandered Your gifts and blessings.
- People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- Pastor: Because Jesus died for us, forgive us for taking Your love and failing to love others as You have loved us,
- People: for our quickness to judge and condemn others, and our slowness to forgive as we have been forgiven.**
- Pastor: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sinful and unclean. We cannot free ourselves from the bondage sin has created and from the lies that compete for Your truth.
- People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord; according to Your steadfast mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us clean from our sin and its guilt and make us new through forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- Pastor: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His atoning death, He has forgiven our sins and made us whole again. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: ♪ Amen.**

HYMN STANZA

LSB 785 v.1

♪ **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.**

- Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies and gathered you as His own people.

HYMN STANZA

LSB 894 v.1

♪ **For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gift to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You show us mercy every morning and provide for every need of body and soul. Grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may in faith acknowledge Your merciful goodness to us, giving thanks for all that You provide, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

HYMN STANZA

tune: LSB 686

♪ **In the season of our plenty, In the season of our need;
We will find His grace sufficient, We will find His love complete.
In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; In thanksgiving, let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration To our gracious Lord and King.**

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

(David's prayer of thanksgiving.)

¹⁰ David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you... it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

²⁰ Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever. Who can remember all that He has done? Who can list all His accomplishments?

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN STANZA

LSB 789 v.3

♪ **Father, providing Food for your children,
By your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know your care.**

Pastor: He satisfies the thirsty and fills hungry with good things. If you think yourself wise, then reflect upon the great and giving love of the Lord.

HYMN STANZA

tune: LSB 397

♪ **For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.**

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 4:4-10

(Everything God created is good...)

⁴Everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

⁶If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

⁹This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance ¹⁰(and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

Pastor: I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing Your praise before all; I will bow down toward Your holy temple and will praise Your name for Your love and Your faithfulness.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN STANZA

LSB 785 v.3

♪ 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!

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter
The Cathedral Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34

(Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

SERMON

"An Attitude of Gratitude"

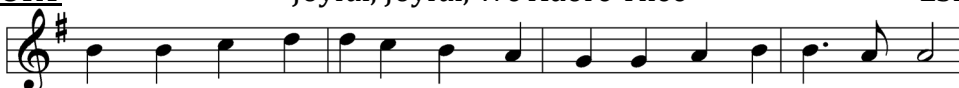
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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OFFERTORY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

LSB 803 v. 3



△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,



Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!



Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain-head of love divine:



Joyful, we Thy heaven inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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VOLUNTARY

“Now Thank We All Our God”

J. S. Bach
arr. C. H. Trevor

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor: It is fitting and right to sing of you, to praise you, to thank you, to adore you in all places of your dominion. For you are the ineffable God, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, existing forever and yet ever the same, you and your only-begotten Son and your Holy Spirit.

People: **You brought us into being out of nothingness, and when we had fallen, you raised us up again.**

Pastor: You have not ceased doing everything to lead us to heaven and to bestow upon us your future kingdom.

People: **For all this do we thank you and your only-begotten Son and your Holy Spirit—**

Pastor: for all the benefits of which we know and those of which we do not, for those that are manifest to us and those that lie concealed.

People: **We thank you also for this sacrifice, which you are pleased to receive from our hands,**

Pastor: even though there stand before you thousands of archangels and myriads of angels, Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged and many-eyed, borne aloft on their wings who sing, proclaim, cry out, and chant the triumphal hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Hosts! Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!** *~St. John Chrysostom (347-407)*

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.

OUR THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever. *Psalm 118:1***

OUR SENDING

Pastor: May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you,
People: for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most lonely moment,
Pastor: for putting up with such a stubborn soul as mine,
People: for loving me more than I love myself,
Pastor: for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly,
People: for drawing out goodness in even me,
Pastor: for being constant and unchanging amidst all the changes of this world,
People: for repaying our sin with your love.
Pastor: May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love.
People: Amen.

- Teresa of Avila (c. 1515-1582)

THANKSGIVING BLESSING

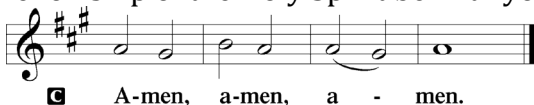
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
People: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Pastor: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *Col 3:15-17*
People: Amen.
Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

People:



RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

LSB 893



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,

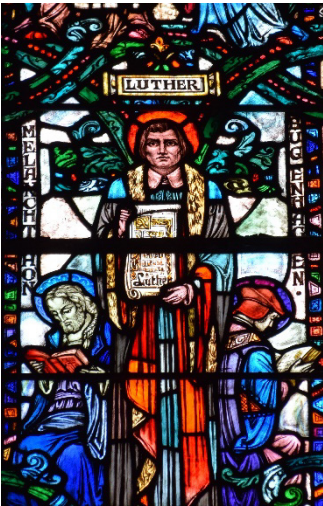


Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



A Prayer As you leave...

Dear God, give us peaceful hearts and a right courage in the confusion and strife against the devil. And so may we not only endure and finally triumph, but also have peace in the midst of the struggle. May we praise and thank You and not complain or become impatient against Your divine will. Let peace win the victory in our hearts. May we remain quiet and peaceable toward You, O Lord, and toward others, both inwardly and outwardly, until Your final and eternal peace shall come.

~ Martin Luther (1483- 1546)