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PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Paul Manz

PROCESSIONAL 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.

INVOCATION

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

People:  Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

(A psalm for giving thanks)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

People: **Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People: ♪ who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: ♪ And Thou forgave the iniquity of my sins. Psalm 32:5

Pastor: Lord God,

People: we come to You today confessing that we are often unthankful for all the gracious gifts You have given us. So often we worry unnecessarily about our future since it is in Your hands. Forgive our unthankfulness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive us, and fill us with the joy of Your presence and the promise of our eternal salvation.

Pastor: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 814 v. 1-2

♪ O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

Thanksgiving for God's Creation

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

(Give thanks to God for His gift of the land.)

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. ²And 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. ³And 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. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.

⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN STANZA

LSB 814 v. 4-5

♪ **He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the oppressed.**

PSALM

Psalms 104 and 145

(The psalmist reminds us that God made the earth and still supplies the bounty we enjoy.)

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great!

Men: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

Women: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; they give drink to every beast of the field.

Men: *From Your lofty abode You water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work.*

Women: *You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth.*

Men: *The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.*

Women: *You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

Pastor: O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

ALL: **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!**

PRAYER

Pastor: Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing,
People: **to love what is worth loving,**
Pastor: to praise what delights you most,
People: **to value what is precious in your sight,**
Pastor: to hate what is offensive to you.
People: **Do not let me judge by what I see,**
Pastor: nor pass sentence according to what I hear,
People: **but to judge rightly between things that differ,**
Pastor: and above all to search out and to do what pleases you, through Jesus.
People: **Amen.** *- Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)*

HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

LBW 561

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

Refrain

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Thanksgiving for God's Sustaining

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-4

(We give thanks for freedom, good government, and we pray for those in authority.)

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 85

(The psalmist prays for God's blessing upon the nation and for the people to trust in Him.)

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your anger.

People: **Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

People: **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

ALL: **Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People: **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.**

Pastor: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

People: **Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

ALL: **Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. 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.**

ANTHEM

“Celtic Laud”

Craig Courtney

The Cathedral Choir; Alana Meeker, Flute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Ruler of nations, we thank You for the countless undeserved blessings that You have showered on our country. Hold Your protecting hand over our nation, over this congregation, and over all Your children. Preserve our priceless religious liberty and keep all believers faithful to You. Bless us and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake.

People: **Amen.** *Adapted from My Prayer Book. Copyright © 1957 Concordia Publishing House.*

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.

Thanksgiving for God's Nurturing

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

(Jesus gives healing to ten, but only one receives the gift with faith and knows its fullest blessing.)

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

People:



¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

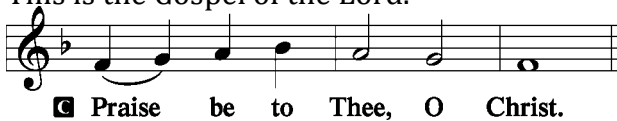
¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



HYMN STANZA

LSB 814 v. 6

♪ **His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.**

PSALM

Psalms 138

(The psalmist invites God's people to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings.)

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: **I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing
Your praise;**

Pastor: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for
Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all
things Your name and Your Word.

People: **On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You
increased.**

Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord, for they have
heard the words of Your mouth,

People: **and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the
Lord.**

Pastor: For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

People: **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.**

Pastor: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

People: **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.**

PRAYER

Pastor: O God our Father, we ask you to bless those for whom there will be no sleep tonight... those who this night will not sleep because of the pain or the distress of their mind;

People: **those in misfortune, who will lie down in hunger and cold;**

Pastor: those who are far from home and far from friends, and who are lonely as the shadows fall.

People: **Grant that in our own happiness and comfort we may never forget the sorrow and the pain, the loneliness and the need of others in the slow, dark hours.**

Pastor: This we ask for Your name's sake.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

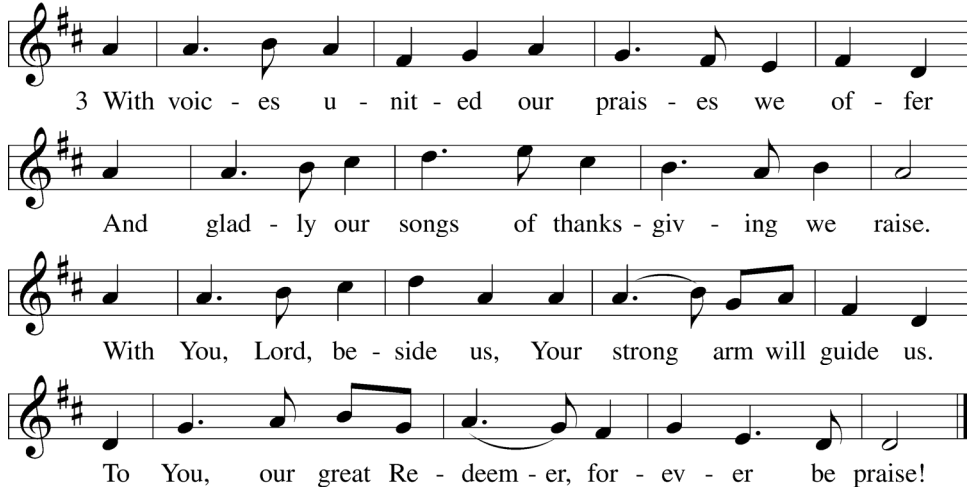
SERMON

"Whom Do We Appreciate?"
Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
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Luke 17:17

OFFERTORY

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VOLUNTARY

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karl Osterland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor:** Almighty God, You show Your love to us each day. You provide the necessities of life for the evil as well as the good; You send the rain on the just and the unjust.
- People:** **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.**
- Pastor:** We give You thanks, Lord, for giving us the greatest blessing that we need—faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and what He has given to us in His cross and resurrection.
- People:** **Give thanks to the God of gods.**
- Pastor:** We give You thanks for the many gifts with which You have blessed us in this congregation. Help us to use them in service to You.
- People:** **Give thanks to the Lord of lords.**
- Pastor:** For all the blessings You give each day—food to eat, a place to sleep, clothes to wear, all that we need—we give You our thanks and praise.
- People:** **Give thanks to the God of heaven.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Your forgiveness is so free to us. Freely have we received it; may we freely give it to those who have sinned against us. If there is someone on our hearts right now with whom we are having difficulties, give us grace to deal with them even as You would.

People: **Oh, give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the people.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, with thankfulness.

People: **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.**

Thanksgiving for our Comings and Goings

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)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The ✱ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN**"For the Fruits of His Creation"**

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE**"Come, You Thankful People, Come"***Jeffrey Blersch**A Prayer*
As you leave...

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. You brought us into being out of nothingness, and when we had fallen, you raised us up again. You have not ceased doing everything to lead us to heaven and to bestow upon us your future kingdom. For all this do we thank you and your only-begotten Son and your Holy Spirit - for all the benefits of which we know and those of which we are ignorant, for those that are manifest to us and those that lie concealed. We thank you also for this sacrifice, which you are pleased to receive from our hands, 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: 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)

