

# *In Thankfulness and Praise A Service for Thanksgiving*

Wednesday, November 23, 2022  
7 PM

*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.*

*Colossians 3:16*



**OPENING HYMN No. 892** “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

**Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come Raise the glorious harvest home.**

**INVOCATION AND PSALM** (A Psalm for giving thanks - spoken responsively)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C: Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

P: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**C: It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,  
and His courts with praise!

**C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

P: For the LORD is good;

**C: his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: O God of all graciousness, you have poured out blessing upon blessing upon us,  
yet we in our sinfulness have not always been generous back to you in how we  
have lived. Instead of being grateful, we have been greedy.

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Instead of being righteous, we have been rebellious.

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Instead of being loving, we have been angry.

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Instead of being content, we have been jealous.

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Instead of being kind, we have been hurtful.

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

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P Instead of being joyful, we have been judgmental.  
**C Forgive us and free from all our disobedience.**

*(Please observe a time of quiet reflection for self-examination.)*

P Give thanks for this good news: your sins are forgiven and you are granted a fresh start. The patterns of your old sinful selves have been replaced by the wonderful ways of Christ, who died yet was raised so that we might live in love for him in joyful response to all he has done.

**C We thank you for your forgiveness, O Christ.**  
**We sing our praises to you for restoring us. Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 895** “Now Thank We All Our God”

**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you have shown us bounty beyond our imagination. Let our gratitude toward you well up from within us and pour out into all that we say and do. Out of the richness of your love, you have kept us fed and well-nourished, clothed and well-protected. strengthened and supported. May our devotion to you be a testament to your care for us and may others see the beauty of your generosity revealed in and through us. Instill in us a desire to continue to give you praise and glory for the many people, places and things that bring us joy. **C: Amen.**

**ANTHEM** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Adult Choir  
Directed by Marty Lintvedt

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**GOSPEL** Luke 17:11–19 (Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers)

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**HYMN No. 785** “We Praise You, O God”

**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.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**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!**

**SERMON** “Give Thanks in All Circumstances” 1 Thess. 5:18

**OFFERING** “O Give Thanks” by Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

## **PRAYERS**

P: O God of the earth and of the universe, You created each of us in Your image. Mold us and shape us into the people You would have us be for you. Move our hands and feet to serve you wholeheartedly. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear what You are doing in our lives, and guide our lips to proclaim your goodness to all the world. In thankfulness and praise,  
**C: we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

P: O God our Father, You sent your Son into the world to become one of us and save us from sin, death and the devil. Let Your forgiveness flow through us and flow out from us to others. Strengthen us to resist all temptation and fill us with the hope we have in You for the life yet to come. In everything may our lives be thank offerings to You. In thankfulness and praise,  
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P: Great God, who sent the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of Jesus to every nation and land, energize us to witness for You. Inspire us to share the salvation story of your Son to people far and near. Stir up inside of us the desire to grow in our faith and remain in our faith in You that we might draw closer to You. In thankfulness and praise,  
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P: Healing Lord, bless those who are suffering in body, soul and mind that they may find relief from their pain. Comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the Brandmeyer family having suffered the loss of Audrey Ritter, Diana’s mother, and be present with all those who are hospitalized or home-bound. Grant peace to them all and bring recovery, according to your will. In thankfulness and praise,  
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P: Generous God, as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, help us to remember all the gifts You provide for us every day of the year. Fill us with gratitude in our hearts for the love of family and friends, the protection of clothing and shelter, and the abundance of food and drink that we enjoy. Grant safe travels to those who are journeying to be with loved ones and bless all gatherings with joy in You and in one another. In thankfulness and praise,  
**C: we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.**

P: In every prayer we pray to You, we thank You for listening, we love You for caring and we trust You to answer us. Let us keep holding fast to You. In thankfulness and praise,  
**C: we lift our prayers to you, O Lord. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

P: Lord, answer all our prayers according to Your good and gracious will as we bind our petitions to the prayer You taught us to pray...  
**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.**

## **BLESSING OF THE LORD** *(from Philippians 4:8)*

P Finally, 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. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.  
**C All thanks and praise to God! Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN No. 895**

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## **SENDING**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**