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THANKSGIVING
“LIVE WITH A HEART
FULL OF THANKS”



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In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God’s Word, and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. **Listening Assist aids are available—ask an usher. A Parents’ Room is available next to the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.** Come worship with us again!

597 Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!
The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!

O Father Most Holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name, that all we do might be done at your bidding,
filled with your grace,
directed by your wisdom,
informed by your truth,
accomplished to your glory.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!

O Father Most Gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones, that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service
of praise and thanksgiving,
of lives lived in your love,
of proclaiming your words and work,
of sharing your gifts to us.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!

O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace,
that we may be witnesses of your truth,
the reflection of your glory,
the ambassadors of your kingdom.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!

To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

Alleluia! Amen!

Confession & Absolution

Dear heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the way that you have daily provided for all our needs. As we look back over this past year we must confess that we have often taken your goodness for granted. We have not always thanked you. We admit that we have often forgotten that all our blessings come from you alone. We confess that we have often been greedy, dissatisfied and ungrateful. We have coveted the blessings you have given to others and have complained about what you have not given to us. We do not deserve to be called your children.

We ask you to forgive us for all our sins for Jesus' sake. Wash us clean by his blood, and work in us the desire to serve you with joyful thanksgiving and with humble contentment all our days.

God, the heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and for the sake of his Son, Jesus, who lived a perfect life in our place and suffered our punishment on the cross, has forgiven us for all our sins.

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.**

- 4 **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.**

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:10–18

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase

and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir: I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

Second Reading

Philippians 4:10–20

¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 136:1

Alleluia.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

506 For the Fruits of His Creation

CW 506

Sermon

Luke 17:11-19

What a comeback!

The First Article (Creation)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings – st. 4

CW 752

Prayer of the Church

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

His love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

We thank you, Lord God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

We thank you, Lord God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

We thank you, Lord God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

We thank you, Lord God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom and fairness:

We thank you, Lord God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

We thank you, Lord God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

We thank you, Lord God.

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

We praise you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith, hope, and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

We praise you, Lord God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

His love is everlasting. Amen.

Song: A Canon of Thanks

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

617 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CW 617

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thank you to our Worship Team.
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