



THE BLESSINGS OF

Thankfulness

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 23, 2022

6:30 PM

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AS WE GATHER

Thankfulness doesn't necessarily come naturally. We're often so focused on obtaining what we want or need, that when we actually get what we're looking for, we've probably already assumed that we're entitled to what we've gotten. Give thanks? For what?

How do you give thanks? What kind of things are you thankful for?

INVOCATION

WE SING

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB #895

PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING - (from Psalm 136, Psalm 33, Psalm 139)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. **C: His love endures forever!**

P: Give thanks to the God of gods, the Lord of lords. To Him alone who does great wonders.

C: His love endures forever!

P: Who by His understanding made the heavens. Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

C: His love endures forever!

P: He who made the great lights. The sun to govern the day. The moon and stars to govern the night.

C: His love endures forever!

P: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; He puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded and it stood firm.

C: Lord, You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

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WE SING

"Forever"

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Do not forget the Lord, for He is the source of every blessing.

¹Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers. ²Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. ³He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

⁶Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in His ways and revering Him. ⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.

PROCLAIMING THE GOODNESS OF OUR CREATOR

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

What does this mean?

I believe God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

God defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"O Most High!"

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-13

Present prayers and petitions with thanksgiving to God.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for Me. Indeed, you have been 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 everything through Him who gives me strength.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Ten were healed of leprosy. Only one said 'Thank You.'

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."

KIDS' TIME

MESSAGE

"Giving Thanks"

PREPARATION OF OUR HEARTS FOR HIS GOOD GIFTS

A TIME OF CONFESSION

P: We pray together:

C: By Your Holy Spirit, move us, Lord, to genuine thanksgiving and praise for all of Your gifts temporal and eternal. Keep us mindful that You have ordered all of creation and have established our redemption through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Forgive us Lord, that we may know the fullness of Your love and reflect that love in thankful living. *Silent time for reflection*

GOD DECLARES FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS

Tone Chimes Anthem *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P: We remember that it is God who has given us our life, who renews His love to us each day.

C: We thank You, Lord.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

C: It is God who forgives our sin and remembers it no more.

P: It is with our hearts and hands that we receive the many gifts that God has for us.

C: We thank God not only with our voices, but with all of life!

P: For the gifts of body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, for all that He gives to support our bodily life,

C: We thank You, Lord.

P: Teach us about living with hearts that are forever grateful, O Lord, that we may give praise to Your name in all we do and say.

C: So that all the world will know of Your eternal goodness and mercy in Jesus our Savior!

P: From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with His children.

C: Alleluia! Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"How Deep The Fathers Love For Us"

"Give Thanks"

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB #782

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-7

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THE CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts"*