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Thanksgiving Eve



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Welcome!

To all who have gathered here this evening we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12)
Please join us for worship on Sunday at 9:30am.

GOD'S SAINTS PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS

HYMN: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER

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INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: The Maker of heaven and earth.

M: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

M: We are gathered today to hear God's Word and to call upon him in prayer and praise. It is, therefore, good and proper that we consider our unworthiness to approach the Holy One of Israel and to confess before our God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Together as his people, let us seek refuge in the infinite mercy of our heavenly Father, by seeking his grace for the sake of Christ:

C: Holy God, heavenly Father, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them. But we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. We confess wanting more and more things: food, clothing, money, and other earthly things. Forgive us for all the times we have failed to be content and thankful. Have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

M: In the mercy of the Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake, God forgives all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work of faith in our hearts, bring it to completion until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father: Your generous goodness comes to us new every morning. By the work of your Holy Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 8:10-18

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be 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. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then 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. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18 But 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 forefathers, as it is today.

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| <i>HYMN: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL</i> |
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CONFESSION OF FAITH *From Luther's Explanation to the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed*

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.

GOD’S SAINTS PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS

In every age, since the beginning of time, believers have recognized God as the Giver of all good things. And while they have lived their entire lives in grateful acknowledgement of that fact, there are biblical examples of God’s holy people expressing special thanks for his goodness. Today, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we listen, learn, and meditate on the words and actions of some of those saints. As we do, we quickly find that we have every reason to follow in their footsteps and—as God’s saints—to pause and give thanks.

JACOB

Genesis 32:9-10

Giving Thanks for Material Possessions

9 Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’ 10 I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps.

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| HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD |
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JOSEPH

Genesis 50:19-20

Giving Thanks for Adversity

19 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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| HYMN: ORDER MY LIFE, LORD, AS YOU WILL |
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MIRIAM

Exodus 15:19-21

Giving Thanks for Protection

19 When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. 20 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. 21 Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea."

HYMN: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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SOLOMON

2 Chronicles 6:18-21

Giving Thanks for a Place to Worship

18 "But will God really dwell on earth with humans? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! 19 Yet, LORD my God, give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence. 20 May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. 21 Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.

HYMN: CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

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MARY

Luke 1:46-50

Giving Thanks for a Savior

46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

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| <i>HYMN: HOLY IS YOUR NAME</i> |
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PAUL

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Giving Thanks in All Circumstances

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

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| <i>HYMN: MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS</i> |
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, when you open your hand, you satisfy the desires of every living thing. May your name be praised and your grace glorified. Today we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us. Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings. We thank you especially for the incomparable spiritual blessings you have given us through your Son. It is true that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

Yet we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry. Forgive us for these and all our sins in the name of Jesus. Prevent our many blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us. Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

On this Thanksgiving Eve, pour out your Spirit on us. Bless us all with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and your righteousness. Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well. Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.

Be with your people wherever they might be on this holiday. Protect those who are traveling. Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. Silent prayer. Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely prays, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Modern translation)

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.