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Thanksgiving for All

As We Gather

The Day of Thanksgiving provides us a special time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for His countless blessings in our lives. From our early years, we have likely been told: “Count your blessings!” Can you do that today? As you think about the ways the Lord has blessed you in both body and soul, can you ever count them all? No way! God’s blessings are way too numerous! Nevertheless, as we name our blessings and number them, we pause at each one to say, “Thank You, Lord!” Even when we go through difficult and trying times—and perhaps *especially* when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God and, echoing what is recorded in its sacred pages, respond to the Lord in gratitude and worship. In today’s Epistle, we will see how Paul was taught by times of hardship how he could be content. Paul’s awareness of God’s ever-faithful provision led him to “abound” in thanksgiving! May we do the same today, abounding in thanksgiving to the God who “will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)!

Opening Hymn LSB 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 1 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.

- 2 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
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 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.

4 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.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30, 33

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.
C **These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.**

P When You give it to them, they gather it up;
C **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.
C **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Confession and Absolution

1 Timothy 2:1, 4

P Today is Thanksgiving, a day we set aside as a nation to give thanks to our God who graciously gives us all things. In one of Paul's letters to Timothy, he urges that "supplications, prayers,

intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” For each one of us there are people we struggle to be thankful for.

- C **We confess our struggles and our sins to God, seeking His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.**

Silence for personal confession

- P God created this world and everything in it, including all of the people who live in it. According to God’s gracious will, He “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Here’s the truth: God loves the people of this world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. By the command of Christ and through the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C **Amen.**

Hymn LSB 785 We Praise You, O God

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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!

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Prayer of the Night

- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have graciously guided Your people to lands unseen in the past and have strengthened and prospered them.

- C **We thank You for giving us life in our country. As you have led, guided, and provided for Your people throughout history, we ask You to graciously do that for us as well;**

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:6–20

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Psalm 136:1

P Alleluia.

C **Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God

except this foreigner?”¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Catechism

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

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that 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, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He 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.**

Hymn LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

1 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.

2 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!

D 3 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.

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Meditation

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

C **for food, health, clothing, and our homes.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for the many freedoms we enjoy in this land.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for leaders, teachers, preachers, family, and friends.**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for the gifts You give to Your Church,**

P Thank You, Lord,

C **for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.**

Silence for giving thanks to God

P Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your kingdom.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, who created this world and everything in it—all of the people and all who dwell in it. In Your tremendous love for Your creation, You sent Your one and only Son into this world so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. You did not send Your Son into this world to condemn it, but to save it. As He is risen from the dead, He has set us free and secured us a place in Your kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn LSB 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart *Psalm 145:15–16; 118:1*

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Holy are You, O Lord, God Almighty, for You have not only created this world and everyone in it, but You also sent Your Son to redeem it. As we gather at Your Table, we receive the

body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins as it comes to us in, with, and under bread and wine for us to eat and drink. Grant that this bread of heaven and cup of salvation strengthen our faith and lead us to live lives of thankfulness in response to Your grace.

C Thanks be to God. Amen!

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymn LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
 Father, we offer
For all things living,
 Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
 Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
 Blossom and wood.

- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor
 We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
 We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
 We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
 For daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing
 Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
 Teach us to share
One with another,
 So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
 May know Your care.

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Distribution Hymn LSB 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 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!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
 Have you not seen
 All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

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.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before
Him!

Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 106:1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P We thank You, Lord God, for the heavenly blessings You have
given us in this Meal of Your Son's body and blood, which
You have given us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
Lead us by Your Spirit to live lives of thankfulness in all of our
relationships, and, empowered by Your grace, to reveal Your
saving truth to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

Psalm 67:1; Numbers 6:24–26

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn LSB 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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