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*O 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 heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

## Living Thanks

### A Thanksgiving Service

#### Opening Litany ... From Deut. 8, Col. 3 & Matt. 6

L Remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you

**C in living thanks!**

L Be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly

**C in living thanks!**

L Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness

**C in living thanks!**

#### Opening Hymn ... Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

#### Confession and Absolution

P Heavenly Father, You have richly blessed us. Yet we confess, Father, that we fail to lead lives of thankfulness. All too often we overlook the blessings You give us each and every day. You came into the world to be our Savior. Yet our actions do not reflect the thankfulness we have for Your sacrifice. We lead lives of sinfulness rather than living out our thanks to You. You have called us to be a people of living thanks. Yet we frequently forget our calling as Your holy people, and we live our lives as if You do not matter. If this is your confession, declare so by saying, "I do so confess."

**C I do so confess.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace and spend your days in living thanks! Amen.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may live out our thanks by seeing Your goodness, managing Your blessings, and serving You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Responsive Psalm ... based on Psalm 65

**L** Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.

**C** You make the going out of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

**L** You visit the earth and water it.

**C** You greatly enrich it.

**L** The pastures of the wilderness overflow.

**C** The hills gird themselves with joy.

**L** The meadows clothe themselves with flocks.

**C** The valleys deck themselves with grain. They shout and sing together for joy.

## Old Testament Reading ... Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*Keep the commandments of the Lord, walking in his ways.*

“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. And you shall remem-

ber 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. And 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

## **Epistle Reading ... Colossians 3:12-17**

*Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks.*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 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. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Gospel Reading ... Matthew 6:25-33**

*All these things will be added to you.*

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither

sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

## **Sermon Hymn ... Christ the Life of All the Living**

*Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving*

*To the darkest depths of woe:*

*Through your suffering, death, and merit*

*Life eternal I inherit.*

*Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*You have suffered great affliction  
And have borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
For you chose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*Then, for all that bought my pardon,  
For the sorrows deep and sore,  
For the anguish in the garden,  
I will thank you evermore,  
Thank you for the groaning, sighing,  
For the bleeding and the dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.*

### **Sermon**

### **Offering**

### **Prayers**

P Gracious and merciful Lord, Your gifts are new each day. We are grateful for the gifts You provide through your creation and continued work in our lives. Lord, we pray to You

**C in living thanks.**

P Almighty God, bless and prosper the harvest of our land. Provide health and strength to the crops along with favorable weather for their sustenance. Father, we ask that You would grant wisdom to the farmers who tend the land. Lord, we pray to You

**C in living thanks.**

P O Father, You have placed us in a land of plenty. Help us constantly to remember that all we have comes from Your hand. Remind us of the great need to share our blessings with our neighbors. Lord, we pray to You

**C in living thanks.**

P Heavenly Father, protect and defend those You have called to protect and defend others. Place your hand of blessing upon all government leaders that they may faithfully fulfill their vocations. Provide peace throughout our land. Send your holy angels to protect police, firefighters, soldiers and all other public servants. Lord, we pray to You

**C in living thanks.**

P O Lord, promote health and healing according to your good and gracious will. Be with all who are sick, suffering or hospitalized. You alone bless your children with health and You alone have the power to restore health. Lord, we pray to You

**C in living thanks.**

P Gracious God, You are the author of all blessings. Help us to remember what You have done for us through Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that our lives might be transformed into lives of living thanks. In Your precious name we pray.

**C Amen.**

### **Preface to Holy Communion**

(Please see our Communion Statement on Pg. 14)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

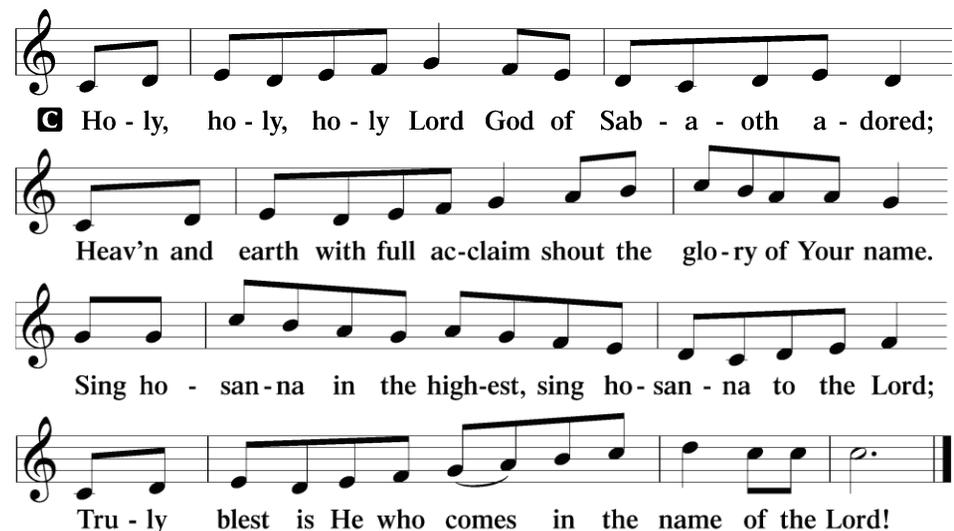
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus (Holy)**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew*

21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**The Words of Our Lord**

## Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*The congregation is seated.*

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn(s)** 789, 761, 801, 618

*The congregation rises to sing.*

## Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) Luke 2:29-32

John 20:19

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we will, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has

no end; 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**

The living Lord bless you and keep you. The living Lord look upon you with love and shower His mercy upon you. The living Lord shine His favor upon you and give you His grace as you live your life for Him with gratitude in your hearts. The living Lord go with you every day of your life and grant you His + peace. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn ... Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

*Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;*

*All is 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 are to 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.*

### **Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

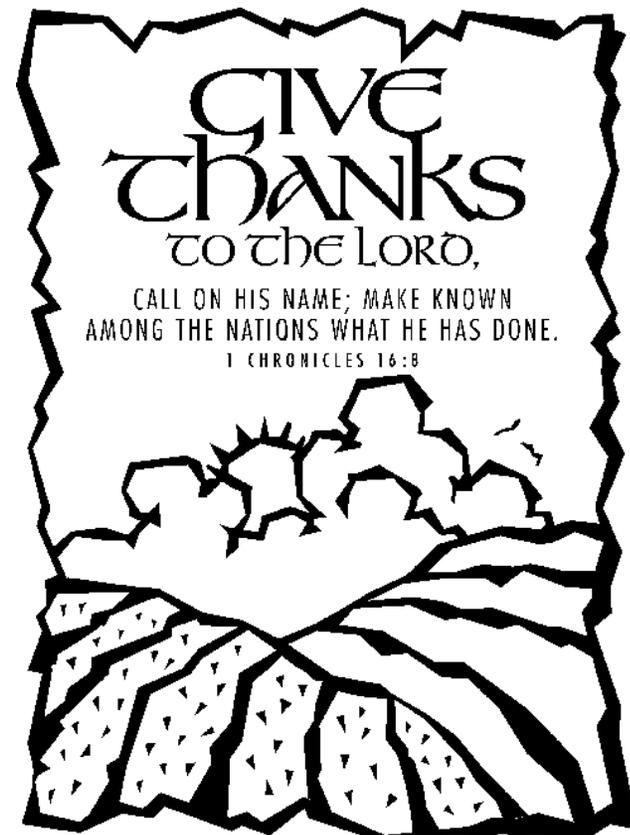
Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor.

If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning.

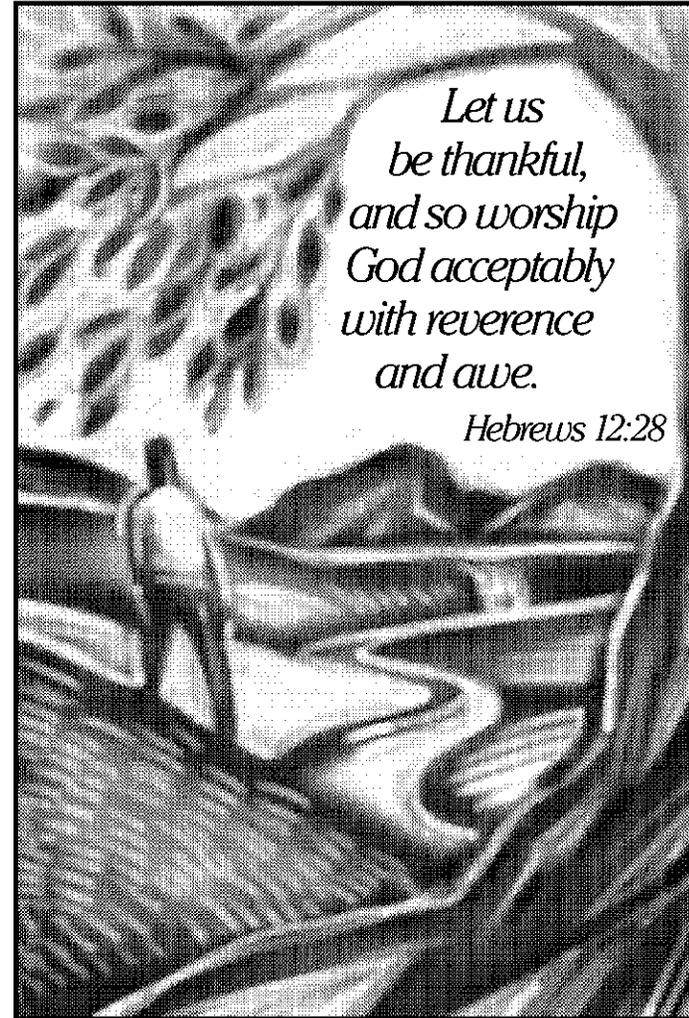
For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.



I lie  
down  
& sleep;  
I wake again, because  
the Lord  
sustains  
me.

Psalm 3:5



*Let us  
be thankful,  
and so worship  
God acceptably  
with reverence  
and awe.*

*Hebrews 12:28*