

# Thank you LORD

for people • places • things

## A Service for Thanksgiving

November 23, 2011

7:00 p.m.

### The Invocation

L *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn and Prayer

*Melody ... Kremser*

We gather together to thank You, Lord Jesus,  
For people and places and things that You give.  
Each day, minute, hour, rich blessings You shower.  
Through You and You alone do we work, play and live.

L *O God, at the time of creation, You made man and woman in Your own image, and You have placed special people into our lives who continue to reflect Your image in their love, care and support for us.*

C **Thank You, Lord, for the people who have shared their lives with us.**

For father and mother, for sister and brother,  
For friends and for fam'ly—for all we hold dear,  
We praise You and bless You; acclaim and profess You.  
With loved ones You have loved us with holiest cheer.

L *You promised Your chosen people, dear God, a place for them to dwell, a land flowing with milk and honey. By Your mighty hand they reached that promised place and made it their home. You have led us to special places, too, places that sustain us, comfort us and refresh us in our faith and life.*

C **Thank You, Lord, for the places that draw us closer to You, to one another and to the world around us.**

From offices, households, from churches and schoolyards,  
From all of the spaces You place us, O King,  
We lift up our praises—Your presence amazes.  
Through all the world our most heartfelt worship we bring.

L *You knew just what Your chosen people needed when You rained down manna and quail from heaven for them to eat. In much the same way, You have rained down the things we need to enrich and sustain our lives.*

**C Thank You, Lord, for the blessing of special things that nourish and protect our bodies, call to mind memorable moments and simply bring us joy.**

For things that enthrall us, for clothes that are warming,  
For objects to look at, and food that can fill,  
For ev'ry good pleasure, for all that we treasure,  
We praise Your name, O Jesus; pray teach us Your will.

## Prayer of the Day

## The Apostles Creed

## Thank You, Lord, for People

*Epistle Reading ... Colossians 1:3-12*

*Homily ... We the People*

*Song ... Come, You Thankful People, Come*

Come, you thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, does 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,  
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.

## Thank You, Lord, for Places

*Old Testament Reading ... Genesis 28:10-19*

*Homily ... The Place to Be*

*Song ... Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.  
On his great love our hopes we place  
of present grace and joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim in joyful song  
both loud and long that glorious name.

## Thank You, Lord, for Things

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

*Homily ... Things to Think About*

*Song ... Now Thank We All Our God*

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.

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 harm in this world and the next!

## Offering and Prayers

### Confession and Absolution

*LSB Pg. 203*

### Service of the Sacrament

*LSB Pg. 208-212*

### Hymns during Communion

*789, 761, 801, 618*

## Closing Song

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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!

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?

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  
If with His love He befriend you.

#### **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.

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