



# Give Thanks to the Lord, for He Is Good

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Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Opening Hymn

**CW 597**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

(Stand for verse 3)

- 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 blessed 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.
  
- 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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### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **A Litany of Gratitude** *(based on Psalm 100)*

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

In his hands are the depths of the earth;  
**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
**and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

For he is our God,  
**and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.**

## **Confession of Sins**

As the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey, Moses warned them. The abundance of blessings they would receive would cause them to forget the Lord's goodness and they would fail to obey his commands.

**We confess that too often, in this time and in this good land, we expect blessings from our heavenly Father and forget his goodness. For most of our lives we have had food on our tables, clothes on our backs, and roofs over our heads. We stray from God's commands and become greedy in our desires. We do not always strive to have his kingdom come to us, or to have his will be done among us. Forgive us our sins, heavenly Father.**

Even in prison Paul wrote to his brothers and sisters in Christ and encouraged them to be thankful in all circumstances.

**We confess that we let illness, bad weather, and economic slumps increase our anxiety. Instead of praising God's name in thanks, we rely on our own plans and our own strength to provide for us. We allow ourselves to be led into temptation by society's love of possessions and success. Forgive us our sins, heavenly Father.**

# Absolution

God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). Our loving God has provided for all we need in this life and in the next. In love he has taken your sins away and made you his own dear child. He will never abandon you nor forsake you; he is with you forever. Be at peace. Be thankful. All your sins have been forgiven.

**To our God and Father be all glory forever and ever. Amen.**

# Song of Thanks

**CW 601 sts. 1, 4**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
4 Trust that the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy  
Lord with cheer - ful voice. Serve him with joy, his  
is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at  
prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - jice!  
all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

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Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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# Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Word

## First Reading

**Genesis 8:18–22**

*Noah gave thanks to the Lord after the flood*

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."

## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. *(repeat)*

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." *(repeat)*

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. *(repeat)*

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." *(repeat)*

Give thanks.

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## Second Reading

**James 1:16–18**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above*

<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Psalm 136:1**



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

**Luke 19:1–10**

*Zacchaeus was thankful and generous with his gifts*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

<sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **Confession of Faith**

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed & Luther’s Explanation*

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

**What does this mean?**

**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.**

## Hymn of the Day

CW 506

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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## Sermon:

### Lessons Learned from the First Thanksgiving

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## Thank Offering & Friendship Register

*Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.*

*As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.*

## Prayer of the Church

Gracious God, you give life to the seed, rain to the plant and fruit to the harvest. Receive our thanks for the rich bounty the earth has provided and for the daily bread that supplies all we need for this body and life. Teach us to be generous with your gifts, willingly sharing with those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, since we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes out of your mouth, bless those who proclaim your Word, that we may hear it and live. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, teach us the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need, helping us to do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers may follow*

Lord, we rejoice in you and acclaim your love and faithfulness. Grant that as we have sung your praises here on earth, so we may proclaim your wonders with all your saints in eternity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**



## Closing Hymn

CW 507

*Let All Things Now Living*

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.
  
- 2 His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Sunday 12/1</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 AM	Ladies' Aid Christmas Lunch at 2510
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	A Christmas Carol Radio Play at NLHS
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 PM	A Christmas Carol Radio Play at NLHS
<b>Sunday 12/8</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

### **SERVING TODAY**

- Minister – Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Sawyer Burish, Robert Gresens

### **Suggested prayer for your Thanksgiving dinner table:**

*Merciful Lord, you have done great things for us, and we owe you endless gratitude and love. We thank you for each moment we enjoy in your blessed care, for each act of healing, for each meal to satisfy our hunger, for each loving child (or grandchild) and each beloved friend, and for each beautiful blessing that keeps us going day after day. We especially thank you for Jesus our dear Savior to whom we give praise and glory for his forgiving love to us everyday! Amen.*

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