

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING & PRAYER

(Members and Visitors: We would appreciate it if you would please take this time to fill out and pass the “Who’s In The Pew” folders, located at the center aisle end of each pew.)

Leader: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, symbols of your gracious love.

People: **Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.**

PSALM *Psalm 65* *found in front of hymnal*

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
People: **and to you shall vows be performed.**

Leader: O you who hears prayer,
People: **to you shall all flesh come.**

Leader: When iniquities prevail against me,
People: **you atone for our transgressions.**

Leader: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!
People: **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!**

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,

People: the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

Leader: the one who by his strength established the mountains,

People: being girded with might;

Leader: who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,

People: the tumult of the peoples,

Leader: so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at you signs.

People: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

People: you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

Leader: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

People: softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Leader: You crown the year with your bounty;

People: your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

Leader: The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

People: the hills gird themselves with joy,

Leader: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,

People: they shout and sing together for joy,

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

✘ **WORD** ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

A call to remember the goodness of the Lord

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:6–20*

Doing everything with thanksgiving to God

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*

One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus.

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895

SERMON “Why Thanksgiving---and How?” Pastor Schroeder

PSALM 111 *found in front of hymnal*

Praise to the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Confessing faith and expressing thanks are completely linked together. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther underscored the theme of thankfulness in his explanation of the First Article of the Creed, which focuses on God the Creator. Together we say:

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

Leader: What does this mean? 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.

People: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

Leader: 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.

People: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

Leader: 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.

People: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THANKSGIVING

Leader: As God's thankful people, we praise our heavenly Father for all of the blessings of creation. We also praise God the Son for His work of redemption and express our thanks. We begin this sequence of thanks and praise as we sing the first two stanzas of the hymn "Lord, to You Immortal Praise."

Leader: Having expressed our thanks in song, we confess our faith in the words of the Creed.

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

Reader: What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ . . . has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person . . . that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

People: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

Leader: Having thanked the Lord for the blessings that are ours in Christ, we now express our thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives.

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Reader: What does this mean? I believe that . . . the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. . . . On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

People: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, on this day we thank You for Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank You for the Church, asking that the message of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who share their faith in countless ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank You for the world in which we live and pray for the community of nations. Continue to give us all things needful, and grant that we be good stewards of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank You for the gift of our families and everyone in them. Help us be truly thankful not only for the material blessings in our lives but for the people who share our lives with us. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be welcoming sanctuaries for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Today we ask a special blessing on the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. And we remember those whose labor brings food to our tables in this and in every season. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank You that Your care embraces all people as we remember those with special concerns and needs including the ill, hospitalized, and those shut-in, [*including . . .*], those who sorrow, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help us to find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need the care and compassion that we can offer them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful God, in our thankful remembrance we recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant that we be inspired by their faithful witness as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together at Your heavenly throne, giving You eternal thanks and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, move us to receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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