

THANKSGIVING EVE

NOVEMBER 21, 2018

*God's Word encourages us to "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1) Our God is indeed good, and His love is shown to us in Jesus Christ. His Son, our Lord, promises everlasting life. May God's peace be with you today, as we take time to honor Him for all the blessings of this life and the next.*

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THE BELLS

THE THANKSGIVING WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*A Thanksgiving Medley*

Cherub Choir

THE OPENING HYMN

*We Praise You, O God*

LSB #785

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!

THE INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*C: Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.*

*C: Almighty God, have mercy on me, a poor sinful being. I have taken Your blessings for granted. I have failed to acknowledge that You are the source of all that I need to support this body and life. I have been selfish with the gifts You have given to me. I have not been content with Your providence. Forgive me and renew me to be a disciple in Your service.*

*(Time of silence for individual confession)*

## THE ABSOLUTION

- P: Our God is a great God, providing for all our needs, giving us daily bread and supplying for our every spiritual need. Our sin no longer condemns us, for the death of Jesus Christ has settled the debt we owed and has set us free to live in victory. May we respond to God's love as His children and receive this promise: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C: Amen.

## THANKSGIVING *From Psalm 107*

- P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*
- C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.
- P: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!*
- C: For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.
- P: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!*
- C: For He shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- P: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!*
- C: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of His deeds in songs of joy!
- P: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!*
- C: Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.
- P: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;*
- C: let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

## THE SONG RESPONSE

### *Praise and Thanksgiving*

LSB #789

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.

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup> and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our forefathers to give us.” <sup>4</sup> The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

<sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup> And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

## Philippians 4:6-20

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of

giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE SONG RESPONSE

##### *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
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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.

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Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

THE FOURTH PETITION AND MEANING "Give us this day our daily bread."

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or

wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

#### THE OFFERING

Musical Offering

*And Now My Lifesong Sings*

School Ensemble

#### THE THANKSGIVING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### THE SERMON HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

LSB #895

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!
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.

#### THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

#### THE BENEDICTION

#### THE CLOSING HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

LSB #892

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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