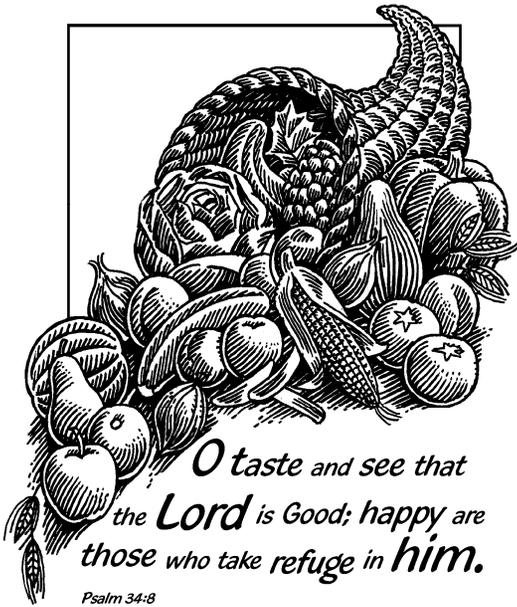


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## Service of Thanksgiving And Praise

“O Give Thanks” unto the Lord for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever!” We welcome all who gather on this National Day of Thanksgiving to praise God Who is “the Giver of every good and perfect gift.” As we render our heartfelt thanks-givings to God, may we especially recognize that we depend totally upon God for all that we have and are. Therefore we receive everything with thankfulness and we use it to the glory of God and to the service of our fellow human beings.

**OPENING HYMN** – “Hymn of Thanksgiving”      Tune: LSB #785



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

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9:00 a.m. Service

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Thanksgiving Day  
November 22, 2018  
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1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His name; we won't be alone.
2. With voices united our praises we offer;  
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praised. Amen.

### **THE INVOCATION**

**P:** In the Name of our Triune God, the Father:

**C:** From whom all blessings flow

P: And of the Son:

**C: Who gave Himself unto death for us;**

P: And of the Holy Spirit:

**C: Who endows us with both faithful and thankful hearts. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** – Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land -- a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

✠ ✠ **On This National Day of Thanksgiving** ✠ ✠

We give thanks to God for these United States of America, for the many freedoms we enjoy, the good government that has been preserved to us, and the fragile world peace which has been maintained.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**HYMN** – "America, the Beautiful"

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown Thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in Law!
3. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!
4. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 1 (read responsively)

P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**C: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

**C: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

✠ ✠ **On This National Day of Thanksgiving** ✠ ✠

We give thanks to God for those redeemed in Christ Jesus,  
for the Holy Christian Church throughout the world, and for  
this congregation of First English Lutheran Church.

**C: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS**

I pledge allegiance to the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, Eternal, with mercy and grace  
for all. So help me, God.

**HYMN** – "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!" LSB #822

1. Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring;  
Our songs of adoration. To Him through ever-lasting days;  
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise; Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, Ringing: Holy, Holy, God is Holy; spread the story;  
Of our God, the Lord of Glory.
2. Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In whom we are elected. He bought His Church with His own blood,  
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And made His bride selected.  
Holy, Holy, is our union and communion. His befriending  
Gives us joy and peace unending.
3. Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing,  
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought  
And us unto the Bridegroom brought, Made us His chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna  
And an endless, glad hosanna.

✠ ✠ **On This National Day of Thanksgiving** ✠ ✠

We give thanks to God for all His physical and temporal  
blessings to us: life, health, family, daily bread, supplying so  
bountifully not only our needs but also so many of our wants.

**SCRIPTURE READING** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

**STATEMENT OF FAITH: 1st Article and Explanation**

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

**C: 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.**

*Men: 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.*

*Women: 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.*

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

**HYMN** – "Now Thank We All Our God" LSB #895

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's 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 harm, 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;  
Thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more

**SCRIPTURE READING** – Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him -- and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

✠ ✠ **On This National Day of Thanksgiving** ✠ ✠  
We give thanks to God for all the Spiritual Blessings He has given to us: Faith, the Holy Word of God, Baptism, Holy Communion, answered prayer, and so much more.

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**LORD'S PRAYER: 4th Petition and Explanation**

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

**C: God certainly gives us daily bread to everyone without our prayers,**

*Men: Even to all evil people.*

*Women: But we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*

P: What is meant by daily bread?

**C: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body.**

*Men: Such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods,*

*Women: 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.*

**HYMN** – "Come, You Thankful People, Come"      LSB #892

1. 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.
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy and sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we, Whole-some 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 ever more
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, To your final harvest home.  
all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
Come, with all your angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

**SERMON**

**OFFERING TO THE LORD** (*Hymn is sung during the offering*)

**OFFERING HYMN** – "How Great Thou Art"      LSB #801

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.    REFRAIN

**REFRAIN**

- Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.    REFRAIN

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. REFRAIN
4. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" REFRAIN

## PRAYERS

P: Most gracious God, who gives us so freely of Your bounty,

**C: We call to remembrance in glad thanksgiving Your loving kindness and tender mercies.**

P: For the world in which we live, for its fruitfulness and order, for its beauty and its wonder, and for the life You have given us here to enjoy, we praise You, O God.

**C: For our home, for our families and friends, for the fellowship we share, and for the love that lifts our hearts and nurtures our spirits, we praise you, O God.**

P: For the common blessings of our everyday life, for food and clothing, for shelter and rest, for work and leisure, we praise You, O Lord.

**C: For this land we love, for our nation's heritage of liberty and freedom, for the sacrifices of our forefathers, for all the noble hopes and efforts -- that mankind may be one in brotherhood and peace, we thank you, Lord.**

P: For Your gracious gifts to our minds and spirits, for memory that links us to the past, for hope that leads us to the future, for courage in times of trouble, for patience in tribulation, for wisdom in perplexity, for faith in every moment and love at all times, we thank You, heavenly Father.

**C: For Yourself, O God, for Your majesty and power, for Your wisdom and goodness, for Your justice and truth, for Your Son, Your blessed gift of love through whom we have the forgiveness of all our sins, for Your Holy Spirit who enlightens our hearts, we thank you, O God.**

P: We pray for all who are lonely, depressed, burdened, or unemployed. Grant them guidance and comfort in their sufferings. We also pray relief and healing for all who are sick or shut-in or hospitalized; especially ... (*Here special petitions are made*). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: So direct us in thought, word, and deed that our gratitude may be reflected in how we live.

**C: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## DOXOLOGY

Tune LSB #805

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** (*Sung*)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**HYMN** – "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 and 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.

**SILENT PRAYER**  
**POSTLUDE**

✠ ✠ VISITORS AND MEMBERS ✠ ✠

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.