

## Thanksgiving

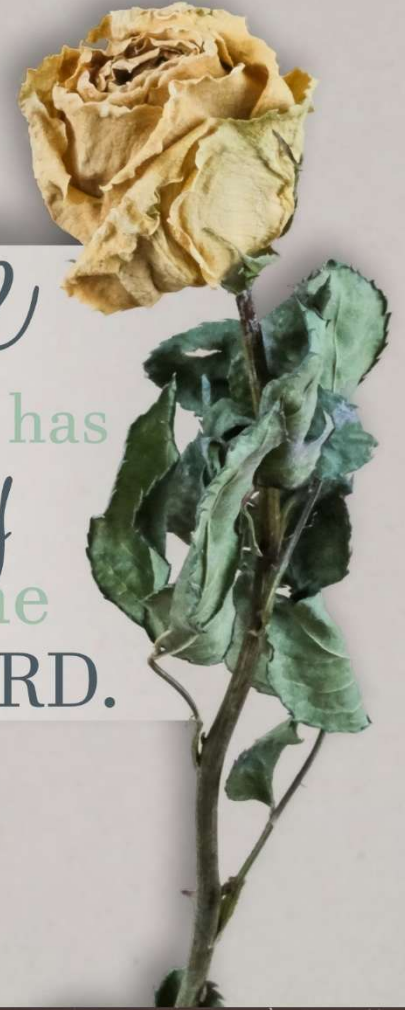
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Liturgy: Thanksgiving

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The LORD gave  
and the LORD has  
taken away  
Blessed be the  
name of the LORD.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #793

*"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

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

**C** Amen.

**Introit**

*Ps. 65*

**P** Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

**C** O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come.

**P** When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

**C** Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!

**P** We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

**C** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

**P** The one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might;

**C** Who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.

**P** You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it;

**C** You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it.

**P** You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

**C** You crown the year with your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

**P** The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

**C** The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

**P** Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C Amen!**

Hymn: TLH #36

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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**Church Decorating** – Just a reminder that this coming Sunday is the beginning of Advent, and, as is our custom, we will be decorating the sanctuary following Sunday's service.

**Advent Series** – This year, during the season of Advent, we will meditate on the descriptive titles given to the promised Savior in both the Old and New Testaments. While there are many titles given to Jesus Christ in Scripture, we will focus on seven of them, found in the "Great O Antiphons" of the ancient Christian Church. Each of these seven titles teach us something about our Savior and what He has come to bring or do for lost sinners.

We will be participating in an Advent pulpit exchange with Immanuel, Mankato and Grace, Sleepy Eye.

Sunday, November 30

Sunday, December 3

Sunday, December 7

Wednesday, December 10

Sunday, December 14

Wednesday, December 17

Sunday, December 21

**O Wisdom**

**O King of Nations**

**O Root of Jesse**

**O Lord and Ruler**

**O Dayspring**

**O Key of David**

**O Emmanuel**

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## Confession & Absolution of Sins

- P** Seeing all that the Lord had done for us, let us confess our sins before Him and plead for His mercy.

**C Lord God we fall before You in sorrow. Though You have given us many blessings, we so often fail to notice them much less give thanks for them. You bless us with freedom and safety, and we take it for granted. You pour out material blessings upon us, and we devour them, always looking for more, never content with what You have given. We care more about the gifts than we do about You, the Giver. Worst of all Lord, we let the things of this world and our desire for them obscure the most wonderful gift You have given – forgiveness through the death of Your Son. Forgive us for our thoughtless thanklessness, and retune our hearts to sing Your grace. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

- P** Rejoice people loved by God! For your Father has heard your prayer. He has provided a sacrifice; you will not die. By the blood of Jesus Christ, all your sins have been washed away. As a minister of our Lord, according to His command and by His authority, all sins of thought and word and deed, your thanklessness and your selfishness, I forgive in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Psalmody: WS p. 41**

*"While I Live"*



**Phil. 4:6-7, 11-13**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. . . .<sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.<sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



## Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

### Confession of Faith

*Luther's Explanation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Article*

**I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me. God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger, He guards and defends me from every evil.**

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Choir

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

Hymn: TLH #568

*"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"*



## Job 2:9-10

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish

women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

### Thanks... for Nothing???

Hymn: LSB #809

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*



1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of
2. Sum - mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, Thy own dear pres-ence to



turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas-sions they fail not;  
cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit-ness  
cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor-row,



as Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er will be.  
to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!  
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed Thy hand hath pro - vided- great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

✠ Thanksgiving Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠