

Worship Resource (Thanksgiving Service, November 24, 2020)

Thanks for joining us in worship today! If you are worshipping online, be sure to fill out the digital connection card.

Getting Reading for Worship

As you get ready for worship, you will want to have:

1. Your Bible. We will be reading these passages: Deuteronomy 8:7-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 17:11-19.
2. A Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW, or "the green book"), if you have one. We will sing hymns #409 ("Praise and Thanksgiving"), LBW #565 ("The Doxology"), and sending hymn #534 ("Now Thank We All Our God").
3. The elements for Holy Communion. We encourage you to strive for a bread product and something in the "fruit of the vine" category.
4. The worship service will be broadcast on YouTube. You will find links to both on the home page of the Grace website (www.grace-nalc.org).

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Old Hundredth"* Johann Pachelbel
Give Thanks Henry Smith, arr. Lynette Maynard

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 65)

- P: What mighty praise belongs to You, O God, for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us!
- C: In Your mercy You hear our prayers,
P: You forgive our sins,
C: You provide for our needs.
P: From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise!
C: Even nature celebrates Your goodness.
P: We gather this night to offer our praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us.
C: Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving.
P: Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know Your will.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving (LBW #409)

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.
4. Then will your blessing Reach every people, Freely confessing Your gracious hand.

Where all obey you, No one will hunger; In your love's sway you Nourish the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly

Tune: Gaelic

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: As we this day offer our thanksgiving and praise, let us reflect upon our many sins and confess them before our God and LORD, asking Him to forgive us for the sake of Jesus, His Son. Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent reflect and personal confession.

(Moment of silence)

P: Gracious God ...

All: You have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled.

You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times we fail to trust You;

For all the times we fail to obey You;

For all the times we fail to thank You;

Forgive us and bring us back to a right relationship with You.

P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Thanks be to God! Your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holy Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹a 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. ¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had

never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 136)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: His steadfast love endures forever.
P: Give thanks to the God of gods
C: His steadfast love endures forever.
P: Give thanks to Him who does great wonders,
To the One who created the heavens and the earth.
C: His steadfast love endures forever.
P: Give thanks to Him who saves His people from their sins
To the One who rescues us in times of trouble.
C: His steadfast love endures forever.
P: Give thanks to Him who provides for our every need

To the One who offers rest and peace to all who seek it.
C: His steadfast love endures forever.
P: Yes! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: His steadfast love endures forever.

The Doxology (LBW #565)

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.

The Giving of Your Tithes and Offerings

We encourage you to participate in the offering as you worship from your home. Have a designated basket where you place your offering, and include your children in the process. Let them serve as ushers, for example. Use this as a teaching time to talk about the importance of stewardship, and to pray for your church's financial situation during these abnormal times. Here are a few giving options for you to consider:

1. Your Grace offering envelope is also a mailing envelope. We recommend added an additional piece of tape to secure the tab.
2. Give through the Grace app. It's quick, simple and easy, and very secure. Connect through the "Give" option.
3. Use the "bill pay" option through your bank.
4. Arrange for automatic contributions through the Grace system (Vanco). Again this is very secure. There is a form to be filled out for this. Contact Church Administrator Darla Kalifoot (937-399-6257) to get this set up.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you!
C: And also with you!
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

At the pastor's direction, share the communion elements with one another.

As you share the bread with one another, say "The body of Christ given for you."

As you share the cup with one another, say "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Musical Offering: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Lani Smith

Organ ~ Piano Duet Judy Kreckman, Bev Kaech

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God (#534)*

1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wonderous 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 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 heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth

Tune: Johann Cruger.

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Postlude *We Gather Together* Franklin Ritter

Other Notes:

- Throughout the service, feel free to stand whenever doing so would enhance your worship experience.
- As you share the peace, consider sending a text of peace to someone who also may be sheltered in a different place. Stay connected!