AS WE GATHER: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good! Those words of the psalmist are so true, for all around us we are confronted again and again with the goodness of the Lord. Today we give thanks for the countless gifts of love which God, our God, has given to us. From His gracious bounty, we have been blessed beyond measure, beyond all we have deserved. Thanks be to Him who is our Help, our Strength and the Provider of all good things.



# A Service of Thanksgiving

#### SHARING OF PEACE

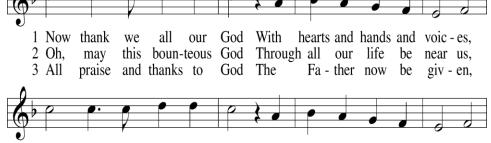
P: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us thankfully share the peace of the Lord with those who are next to you.

(The people and pastor greet each other with the peace of Christ)

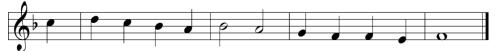
*HYMN:* Now Thank We All Our God (*LSB* 895)



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es; With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us our on wav And guide us when per-plexed keep And us His grace Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; The one e - ter - nal God.



With count-less of love And still is ours to - day. this world and And all ills In the us For it was. is now. And shall he. ev - er - more.

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### C: Amen

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:8-9)
- P: I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen
- C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen By the mercy of God and for the sake of Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

C: Thanks be to God! Oh, come, let us worship Him.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Deuteronomy 8:1-10

### Remember the LORD Your God

**8** "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the

wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)

# **Pray for All People**

**2** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL LESSON:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 17:11-19

# **Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers**

<sup>11</sup>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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

# CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

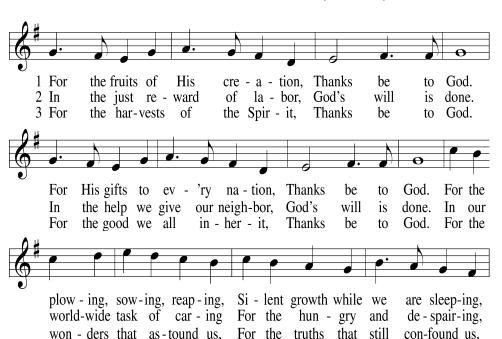
All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\maltese$  of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN:** For the Fruits of His Creation (LSB 894)





Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks God. be to are shar-ing, God's will the har-vests is done. we Most of has found us. God. all, that love Thanks he to

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**SERMON:** God's Goodness is Real – Psalm 92:1-4

*OFFERING HYMN:* We Praise You, O God (LSB 785)



Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.

And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You. we kneel and a - dore You; When per - ils o'er - take us. You will not for - sake us. You. Lord. be - side Your arm will guide us, strong us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es sing. we And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win. our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er То You, be praise!

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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

- P: Gracious heavenly Father, when we look upon what we have gathered here-our time, our possessions, our love and praise-
- C: We see what You have first given us. We see in these things Your heart, O Father. Look upon these gifts, we pray
- P: And see in them our hearts as well; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING PRAISE AND PRAYER:

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Oh Lord, for Your immeasurable love to us, we give You thanks:
- C: For life and health, for love and friendship, for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our lives.
- P: For Your gracious presence, we give You thanks:
- C: For Your love that seeks us even when we turn from You, and for Your constant presence, even in the midst of things we cannot understand.
- P: For the honour You bestow on us, we give You thanks.
- C: For the honour of being not only Your children and heirs, but also Your servants and partners.
- P: So that our lives might be used for Your purposes,
- C: Open our hearts that we may be truly thankful, and that we may learn how to take what we have and use it to help make Your dream for the world come true.
- P: For the needs of those around us: (Here the petitions of God's people are offered)

(Each petition concludes)

P: let us pray to the Lord: C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C: trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

#### THE COMMUNION LITURGY:

- P: Lord of heaven and earth, we thank You for having had mercy on those whom You created, sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Saviour. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross.
- C: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Hear us as we pray the prayer You taught us:

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

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P: Let us all pray.

ALL: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits-- Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

#### THE BENEDICTION:

P: 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 favour and give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endures forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN:* O Bless the Lord, My Soul (*LSB* 814)



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die! 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain. He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'rers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the\_oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

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