



GIVE
THANKS

WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART

Invocation

- P** We begin this time of worship and thanksgiving
C **in the name of the Father;**
P who richly and daily supplies us with all we need for this body and life.
C **In the name of his Son, Jesus Christ;**
P who purchased and won us, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death.
C **In the name of the Holy Spirit;**
P who calls us by the Gospel and sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth.
C **Amen.**

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.

Confession & Absolution

- P** Heavenly Father, we have been richly blessed by you.
- C** We confess, Father, that we easily forget all the blessings you shower upon us daily. We become distracted by the cares and worries of life, and forget that you are the giver of all good gifts.
- P** Lord Jesus, we thank you for coming into the world to be our savior.
- C** We confess, O Immanuel, that we do not follow your commandment to love one another as we have been loved and to share your forgiveness and good news with the world.
- P** Holy Spirit, you have called us to faith in Christ, and have continued to gift us with new hearts, spiritual gifts, and fruits of new life.
- C** We confess, Spirit of life, that we often forget our calling to be your holy people, and live as those we once were instead of those we have become.

We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.

- P** Although we often forget that every blessing comes from God, God does not forget his covenant with us. He has promised to forgive our wickedness and remember our sins no more. Therefore, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father,

and † of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen! Thank you, Lord for remembering your promises to us.

First Reading

Joel 2:21-29

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the Lord has done great things!

²² Do not be afraid, you wild animals,
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

²³ Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—
the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm⁶—
my great army that I sent among you.

²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has worked wonders for you;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the Lord your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁸ “And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Praise and Thanksgiving

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- 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.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been

witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

For the Fruits of His Creation

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1 For the fruits of his creation,

Thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev’ry nation,

Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,

Thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Stand

We Praise You, O God

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- 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 First Article

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P 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.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse 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.

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. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C God's steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

C Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

P God blesses us with gifts of love;

C With food and clothing, home and family.

P God blesses us with daily work,

C And all we need from day to day.

P God protects us in time of danger,

C And guards us from every evil.

P God calls us into relationship with him,

C And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

P Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

P For all your blessings: food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout spouse, 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.

C Thank you, Lord, for your kindness and goodness to us.

Sit

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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- 1 Gracious God, you send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For your mercies never ending,
For your love we offer praise. Refrain**

*ref Lord, we pray that we, your people
Who your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of your blessings
May bring glory to your name.*

- 2 By your Word you formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain**

- 3 In his earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain**

- 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be yours in ev'ry place! Refrain**

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshipping and receiving communion with us today.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

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- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
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.
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.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

Pax Domini

- P** Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.
- C** **And the God of love and peace will be with you.** (2 *Corinthians 13:11,14*)
- P** May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

- P** Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always.
- C** **Amen.**

Let All Things Now Living

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- 1** **Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us,
his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished**

**and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2 God rules all the forces;
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**



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