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## 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.**

## *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

*LSB 893*

- 1 **Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices  
Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons  
In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest  
A joyous song of love.**
- 2 **God makes the clouds rain goodness,  
The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness,  
The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness,  
All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing,  
With plenty and with peace.**
- 3 **Bring to this sacred altar  
The gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest,  
The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him  
When at His feet you fall,**

**And with your lives adore Him  
Who gave His life for all.**

## **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  $\text{✠}$  of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## **First Reading**

*Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

7 For 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; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 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.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your

God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be 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. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then 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. 15 He 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. 16 He 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ***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 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**

*Philippians 4:6-7*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:15-21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelve chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’”

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## ***For the Fruits of His Creation***

*LSB 894*

- 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***

*LSB 785*

- 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.

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## ***Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings***

*LSB 782*

**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***

*LSB 806*

**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**

*LSB 209*

## **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.**

- 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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