

# NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING

November 23, 2017

## Worship Focus

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.**



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# OPENING HYMN

*Stand for the final stanza.*

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Christian Worship 234



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when  
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.  
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw  
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has  
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
do As with his love he be - friends you.  
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERRN (14 14 478) *Ander Theil Des Erneuerten Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

## INVOCATION

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 136:1-3*

**M** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**M** Give thanks to the God of gods,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**M** Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** Heavenly Father, we have been so richly blessed by you.

Yes, we confess, Father, that we easily forget all the blessings of this life that you shower on us every day. We get caught up in this life and forget that you are the giver of all good things.

**C** **For us, Father, for the sake of you Son, Jesus Christ!**

**M** Dear Jesus, thank you for coming into the world to be our Savior.

Yet, dear Savior, we so often forget the agony you suffered on our behalf, and how you willingly took the punishment of our sins upon yourself to give us forgiveness and life.

**C** **Forgive us, Lord Jesus.**

**M** Holy Spirit, you have called us to faith in Jesus Christ and have continued to work in our hearts and lives to mold us into the people you have called us to be.

We must confess, however, that we often forget our calling as your holy people, and live as if it did not matter.

**C** **Forgive us, Lord. Continue your sanctifying work within our hearts and lives.**

*Silence for remembrance and personal confession of sins to God.*

## ABSOLUTION

**M** Although we often forget that every blessing comes from God, God still remembers his covenant, in which he promises, ***“For I will forgive their wickedness, and remember their sins no more”*** (Jeremiah 31:34). Therefore as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**All People that on Earth Do Dwell**  
Christian Worship 233



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy  
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise  
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth  
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the an -



forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.  
al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

## SALUTATION

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*The Lord provides for our needs*

<sup>1</sup> Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers.

<sup>2</sup> Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land--a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

# PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 136

Christian Worship: Occasional Services

*The congregation sings the refrain where indicated in bold*

*mf*  
His love en - dures for - ev - er.

Cantors:	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.	<b>Refrain</b>
	Give thanks to the God of gods.	<b>Refrain</b>
	Give thanks to the Lord of lords.	<b>Refrain</b>
	to him who alone does great wonders,	<b>Refrain</b>
	who by his understanding mad the heavens,	<b>Refrain</b>
	who spread out the earth upon the waters,	<b>Refrain</b>
	who made the great lights -	<b>Refrain</b>
	the sun to govern the day,	<b>Refrain</b>
	the moon and stars to govern the night,	<b>Refrain</b>
	to the One who remembered us in our low estate	<b>Refrain</b>
	and freed us from our enemies,	<b>Refrain</b>
	and who gives food to every creature.	<b>Refrain</b>
	Give thanks to the God of heav'n.	<b>Refrain</b>

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:6-20

*In everything, give thanks!*

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, 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.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in

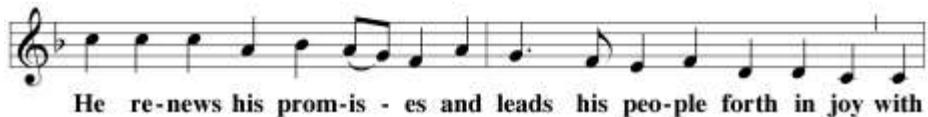
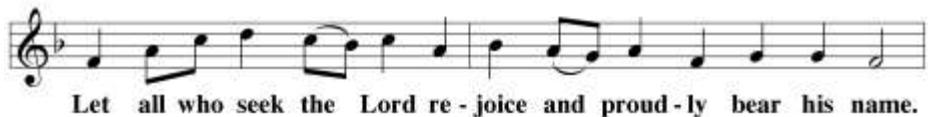
need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## RESPONSE

**Thank the Lord**  
Christian Worship, p. 36



*Please stand to hear the Gospel*

## GOSPEL LESSON

**Luke 17:11-19**

*Was no one found to give thanks?*

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

**M** The Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed  
and an Explanation from Luther’s Small Catechism*

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

**I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer Christian Worship, 609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring;  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;  
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems 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,  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.



We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.  
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: KREMSER (12 11 12 11) *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, Haarlem, 1626.

## SERMON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-28

### Practical Thanksgiving

*After the sermon, please stand*

SERMON RESPONSE

To Thee, O Lord, Our Hears We Raise

The Lutheran Hymnal, 573

The choir will sing verse 1. Congregation is invited to join in verses 2-4.



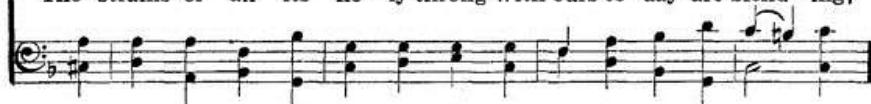
1 To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise In hymns of ad - o - ra - tion,  
 2 And now, on this our fes - tal day, Thy boun-teous hand con-fess-ing,  
 3 We bear the bur - den of the day, And of - ten toll seems drear-y;  
 4 Oh, bless-ed is that land of God Where saints a-bide for-ev - er,



To Thee bring sac - ri - fice of praise With shouts of ex - ul - ta - tion.  
 Up - on Thine al - tar, Lord, we lay The first-fruits of Thy bless-ing.  
 But la - bor ends with sun - set ray, And rest comes for the wea - ry.  
 Where gold-en fields spread fair and broad, Where flows the crys-tal riv - er.



Bright robes of gold the fields a - dorn, The hills with joy are ring - ing,  
 By Thee the souls of men are fed With gifts of grace su - per - nal;  
 May we, the an - gel-reap-ing o'er. Stand at the last ac-cept - ed,  
 The strains of all its ho - ly throng With ours to-day are blend - ing;



The val-leys stand so thick with corn That e-ven they are sing - ing.  
 Thou who dost give us earth-ly bread, Give us the Bread e - ter - nal.  
 Christ's golden sheaves for-ev-er-more, To garner bright e - lect - ed.  
 Thrice bless-ed is that har-vest-song Which never hath an end - ing. A-men.



Ps. 65 : 12  
 William C. Diz, 1864

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Harvest Hymn  
 "St. Gallen Gesangbuch," 1863, ad.

## **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the Friendship Register.

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M** Almighty God, you show your love to us each day. You provide the necessities of life for the good as well as the evil; you send the rain on the just and the unjust.

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

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for giving us the greatest blessing that we need – our Savior, Jesus, and faith that holds to the salvation he has given us through his cross and resurrection.

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

**M** We give you thanks for the many gifts with which you have blessed us in this congregation. Help us to use them in service to you.

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

**M** For all the blessings you give us each day – food to eat, a place to sleep, clothes to wear, and all we need for this body and life – we give you our thanks and praise.

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

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we also pray:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

M Let us bless the Lord



C: Thanks be to God.

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.



C: A - - men.



## CLOSING HYMN

## Now Thank We All Our God Christian Worship, 610



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,  
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts  
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our  
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us  
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With  
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And  
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

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# HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2017

*“O Come, Let Us Adore Him!”*

December 2,3	Advent 1	Regular weekend schedule
December 6	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 9,10	Advent 2	Regular weekend schedule
December 13	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 15	Children’s Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.
December 16,17	Advent 3	Regular weekend schedule
December 20	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 23,24	Advent 4	Regular weekend schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival with the Lord’s Supper	9:30 a.m.
December 30,31	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Regular weekend schedule
December 31	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	5:00 p.m.