

# Thanks be to God

for his indescribable gift!

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.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

# THANKSGIVING

TODAY'S HYMNS: 614, 769, 760

**WELCOME** to this service of praise and thanksgiving. This is a season when the days grow shorter, the winds blow colder, and the church year ends. Amid these signs of change and accountability, we stop to give thanks for the mercies of God who has blessed us on our way. This past year we may not have received all we wanted, but we have all received all we needed and more. Today we remind each other to be thankful for God's bountiful goodness and grace. And we learn from God's Word that thanks and praise are inseparable from each other.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **SONG**

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

CW, #614

1. *Cong.* **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. *Cong.* **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. *Pastor* 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.

## **THE LITURGY**

P: We gather to worship the Triune God, our Father filled with faithfulness and love, our Savior spiked to the cross by our sin and sorrow, and our Spirit who silences every sentence that Satan sends against us.

C: **Amen.** *(to be sung)*

P: How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all, the earth is full of your riches.

C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits.**

P: O God the Father, almighty Creator, bountiful Giver of all good gifts,

**C: We are not worthy of the least of all your gifts.**

P: O God the Son, blessed Savior, wonderful Redeemer from sin,

**C: We are not worthy of the least of all your mercies.**

P: O God the Holy Spirit, gracious Sanctifier, blessed Source of saving faith,

**C: We are not worthy of the least of all your grace.**

P: Sing unto the Lord a new song: For he has done marvelous things. The Lord has made his salvation known. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness. Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**C: (to be sung)**

**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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**     Deuteronomy 8:6-18

Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. 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; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 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.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. 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. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 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. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 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 forefathers, as it is today.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      Philippians 4:10-20

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. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 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. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 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; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. 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. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**      *(Small Catechism, 1st Article)*

I believe that God made me and all creatures, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, my senses, 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 my goods, 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. Amen.

**THE SERMON HYMN**      "Lord of All Hopefulness"      (See p. 8)      Supp, #769

**THE SERMON**      Luke 12:13-21

**"We Need Gratitude for God Now More than Ever"**

## THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
- new a right spr - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
- way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the ioy of your sal - va -  
- tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## THE OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

*Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!*

## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER IN WORD AND SONG

O Heavenly Father, we thank you for watching over us and taking such excellent care of us. For the rich outpouring of food, clothing, shelter, and for this blessed land of America, please accept the humble gratitude of people like us who have deserved nothing from you.

**Thou feedest us from year to year** (TLH, #569:8)  
**And constant dost abide**  
**With ready help in time of need**  
**Thou standest at our side.**

Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, where would we be without your love that spared us from the punishment we have deserved because of our sin? There would be no joy in our hearts, no happiness this Thanksgiving Day if you had not chosen to go to the cross, to make payment for our sin and to declare us forgiven.

**O Savior, precious Savior, (CW, #368)  
Whom yet unseen, we love,  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above,  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.**

O Holy Spirit, creator and preserver of our faith, the blessings of our Savior would not mean anything to us if you had not given us new hearts, new faith, and child-like trust in your Word. Continue to help us grow in grace and knowledge of your Word.

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink (CW, #405)  
Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of poverty and woe.**

We lift our hearts in thanks to you, our Triune God, for you have brought us together into your Church and into this congregation. We thank you for the prayers, the support, and the strength provided by the fellow believers you have given us. Help us cherish and encourage each other more.

**Blest be the tie that binds (CW, #494)  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

O Lord, we thank you for the means of grace, your Word and Sacraments. You have bountifully blessed us with these life-sustaining blessings to help us in good times and bad, weak hours and strong. Thank you especially for preserving your Word among us in these latter days. Make us eager to share it.

**God's Word is our great heritage (CW, #293)  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations.**

LORD, grant us one more request this Thanksgiving Day. Lord, give each of us a grateful heart, today and always. Amen.

**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**

**HYMN** "When Peace Like a River" (see p. 9)

CWS, #760:1-2

**THE PRAYER AND THE BENEDICTION**

**C: *(to be sung)* Amen, amen, amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN** "When Peace Like a River" (see p. 9)

CWS, #760:3



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## 769

## Lord of All Hopefulness



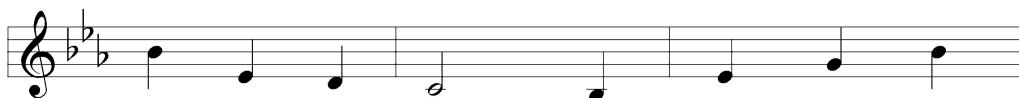
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all eag - er - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de -  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em -  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is



stroy, Be there at our wak - ing and  
 lathe, Be there at our la - bors and  
 brace, Be there at our hom - ing and  
 balm, Be there at our sleep - ing and



give us, we pray, Your bliss in our  
 give us, we pray, Your strength in our  
 give us, we pray, Your love in our  
 give us, we pray, Your peace in our



hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## 760

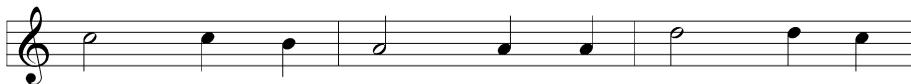
## When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my  
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -  
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain* It is well with my  
 It is well with my soul.



soul.  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Intro: Many Thanksgiving “traditions” have little to do with giving thanks to God. That’s because the little voice of discontent urges us, drives us to think we’ll only be satisfied when we have “enough.”

## **We Need Gratitude for God Now More than Ever**

### **1. Security will never Rest in a Storage Barn.**

- 1.1 How much is enough to banish greed?
- 1.2 Nothing in this world can give you total peace.
- 1.3 The future is fleeting for a man’s plan without God.

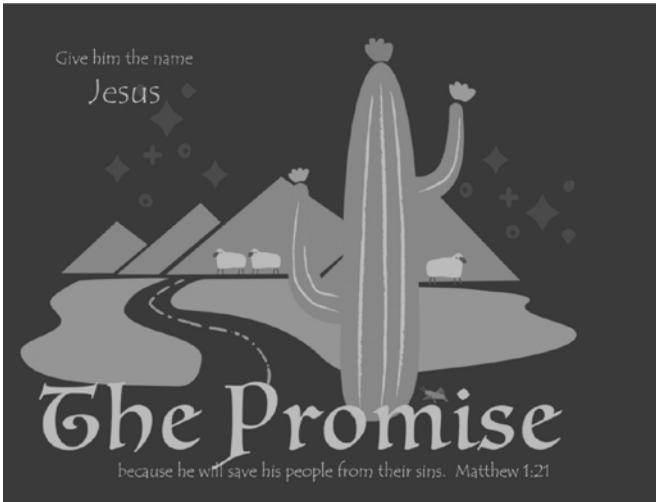
APP: To receive and then hoard God’s blessing for yourself will snuff out your life. Know today and every day why the grateful Samaritan was the focal point of Jesus’ story.

### **2. Thanksgiving will always Start with a Manger Visit.**

- 2.1 Security comes in the joyful experience of meeting Jesus.
- 2.2 Thankfulness comes out of a secure heart and soul.
- 2.3 Let others run after false fortunes... we have all that we need.

APP: Notice that Paul taught “godliness with contentment is great gain.”

Conclusion: Thanksgiving is not a tax you pay on or before a due date in November. It is the genuine response of a life offered back to Jesus for all he has done for us.



## Join Us for Worship at Our Savior

<b>Advent Midweek</b>	Thursday's, Dec 3, 10, 17 at 7:00pm (in church)
<b>Sunday Services</b>	Nov 29 & Dec 6, 13, 20 at 8:00am (in gym) & 10:30am (in gym & livestream)
<b>School Service</b>	Sunday, Dec 20 at 4:00pm (online only)
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Thursday, Dec 24 at 6:00pm (in gym)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Friday, Dec 25 at 9:30am (in gym & livestream)
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Thursday, Dec 31 at 6:00pm (in church)

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (11/29)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 PM	Virtual Advent By Candlelight
Sunday (12/6)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>

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