A still life composition of autumnal items including pumpkins, leaves, and berries on a dark background. The items are scattered around the text, with a large pumpkin at the top, several smaller pumpkins and gourds, and various leaves and berries in shades of orange, red, and brown. The background is a dark, textured surface.

“Do not worry about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition, with

THANKSGIVING

let your requests be made known to God.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Thanksgiving

Today's Focus: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Welcome!

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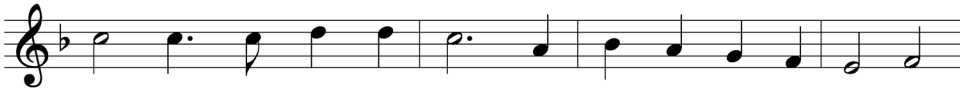
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597 Now Thank We All Our God

Please stand for the singing of stanza 3.



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



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 blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



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

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Responsive Reading

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. (*Gen 1:1, 31*)

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth:

wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart. (*Psalm 104:14-15*)

How many are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. (*Psalm 104:24-28*)

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, **for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.** (*Psalm 107:8,9*)

“Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good.

Salvation comes from the LORD.”

(*Jonah 2:8, 9*)

609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.

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Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

¹ 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 the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors.

² Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors 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. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

⁶ Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. 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. ¹⁹ If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. ²⁰ Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Confessional Lesson

Large Catechism, 4th Petition

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

⁷² Here, now, we consider the poor breadbasket, the necessities of our body and of the temporal life. It is a brief and simple word, but it has a very wide scope. For when you mention and pray for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread. On the other hand, you also pray against everything that interferes with it. Therefore, you must open wide and extend your thoughts not only to the oven or the flour bin, but also to the distant field and the entire land, which bears and brings to us daily bread and every sort of nourishment. For if God did not cause food to grow and He did not bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take bread from the oven or have any to set upon the table...

⁷⁴ There is, indeed, the greatest need to pray for earthly authority and government. By them, most of all, God preserves for us our daily bread and all the comforts of this life. Though we have received from God all good things in abundance, we are not able to keep

any of them or use them in security and happiness if He did not give us a permanent and peaceful government. For where there are dissension, strife, and war, there the daily bread is already taken away or is at least hindered....

⁸⁰ But this petition is especially directed also against our chief enemy, the devil. For all his thought and desire is to deprive us of all that we have from God or to hinder it.... ⁸¹ In short, he is sorry if anyone has a morsel of bread from God and eats it in peace. If it were in his power and our prayer (next to God) did not prevent him, we would not keep a straw in the field, a farthing in the house, yes, not even our life for an hour. This is especially true of those who have God's Word and would like to be Christians.

⁸² You see, in this way, God wishes to show us how He cares for us in all our need and faithfully provides also for our earthly support. ⁸³ He abundantly grants and preserves these things, even for the wicked and rogues [Matthew 5:45]. Yet, He wishes that we pray for these goods in order that we may recognize that we receive them from His hand and may feel His fatherly goodness toward us in them [Psalm 104:28; 145:16]. ¹
The word of our faith.

The word of our faith.
Thanks be to God.

609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

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!

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Please stand

Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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509 Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners
poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the
food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,
may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in
heav'n-ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Sermon

1 Samuel 7:12

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

Offering

750 We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

Special prayers may follow

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

506 For the Fruits of His Creation



- 1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
- 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WELS CHRISTIAN AID AND RELIEF

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). Easier said than done, right? Life in this broken world is hard. So many problems. So much to worry about. But our gracious God tells us: “Don’t worry. Bring it to me. I love you. I’ll take care of you.” What a relief it is to bring all our wants and worries to God, trusting that he cares for us. What a pleasure to do so with a grateful heart, thankful for all the ways he does care for us. Our God is so generous! He gives us far more than we need. One of the reasons he does this is so we can show our thankfulness to him by

sharing his abundance with others. With your faithful participation and generous support, WELS Christian Aid and Relief seeks to help you share God’s abundance. We do this in three main ways: we offer relief for those impacted by natural disasters, we support humanitarian aid projects in our WELS mission fields both at home and abroad, and we help WELS congregations assist their members who are dealing with extreme medical or financial challenges. Your special gifts, shared from the abundance God has showered on you, provide critical assistance to people who are hurting and result in many opportunities to share the precious gospel of our Savior. We thank you and we thank God for you!

Christian Aid and Relief grant totals for fiscal year 22-23:

\$1,641,154

DISASTER RELIEF: \$502,944 was utilized for disaster relief. Most recently we have provided disaster relief for those impacted by Hurricanes Ida and Ian, and the war in Ukraine.

HUMANITARIAN AID: \$708,958 helped to provide basic needs for people all over the world. Home missions receiving humanitarian aid grants include congregations in Canada, Colorado, New Mexico, Florida, and Texas. World mission fields in Africa, Asia, and Europe also received assistance.

PERSONAL GRANTS: \$429,252 was used to fund personal grants given through our congregations to assist people going through a health or financial crisis.

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If a need arises for humanitarian aid or disaster relief in your area, please contact Director Rev. Daniel Sims.

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