



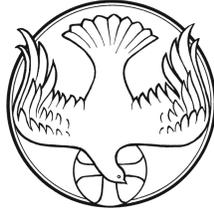
National Day of Thanksgiving
The Liturgy of Matins + November 25, 2021 A.D.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Gary & Sue Wolslegel in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary on November 26.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg with this prayer: "Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth, in their season, and for the labors of those who harvest them. Amen."
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The Thanksgiving Banner: An Explanation

Our gratitude to God centers in the cross of Christ for the great blessings of forgiveness and salvation. We offer heartfelt thanks for these blessings as well as for God's providential care of all his creation every day of our lives and every season of the year. The seasons of the year are illustrated with a snowflake for winter, a tulip for spring, a butterfly for summer, and a leaf for fall. Depicted at the bottom of the banner are God's people of every race and color, lifting up their hands in praise and all their voices to shout, "Now thank we all our God!"



PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"

... Philip M. Young

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

... Stephen DeCesare

"Now Thank We All Our God"

... Benjamin M. Culli

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Now Thank We All Our God"

... LSB #895

VERSICLES

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

VENITE

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our salvation.

C: **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and
raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

P: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

C: **In his hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the
hills are also his.**

*I believe that
God has made
me and all crea-
tures; 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, family,
land, animals,
and all I have.
He richly and
daily provides
me with all that I
need to support
this body and
life*

P: The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands have molded the dry land.

C: **Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen**

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 67

Choir: **Antiphon**



Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Choir: May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.

C: **Let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

Choir: Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.

C: **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations | upon earth.**

C: Antiphon

Choir: Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought | forth her increase;*
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.**

Choir: May God give | us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

C: Antiphon

PSALM PRAYER

P: Father, through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace, and feed them with its fruit, everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM 65

P: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

C: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

P: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

C: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

P: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

*... He defends me against all dangers 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.
~ from the Small Catechism, "The Apostles Creed"*

In boarding school, when a lad receives a parcel of cakes and good things from his mother, he is surely a contemptible fellow if he hides the parcel in his locker and only sneaks to it secretly to eat all the good things by himself. We take it as natural that he will yell for his room-mates and they will devour the parcel with exclamations such as "What a lucky fellow you are!" and "what a colossal good cook your mother must be." Happy times those parcels from home . . .

C: You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

P: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

P: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

C: You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

P: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

C: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

P: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

C: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

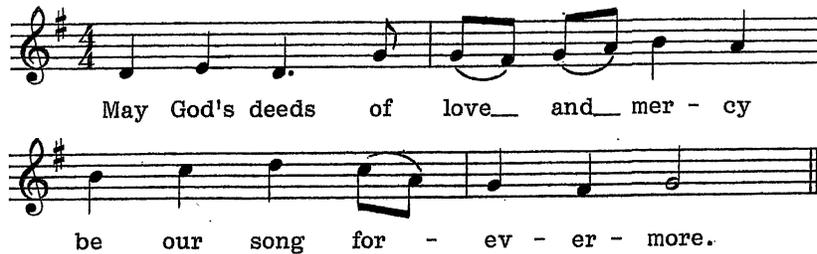
PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs we may see the splendor of your love and may praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM 103

Choir: Antiphon



Choir: Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not | all his benefits.

**C: He forgives | all your sins*
and heals all | your infirmities;**

**he redeems your life | from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;**

Choir: he satisfies you | with good things,*
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

The LORD ex- | ecutes righteousness*
and judgment for all who | are oppressed.

**C: He made his ways | known to Moses*
and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.**

**The LORD is full of compass- | sion and mercy,*
slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

All: Antiphon

*... That is the sort of fun God wants us to have with all the parcels He sends us from home. Only He sends so many and sends them so regularly that we get so used to them that we do not recognize them as from Him, share them, and so do not have full joy in them and do not truly thank Him. To remedy this dreary reception of His gifts, God, in the Old Testament, had Moses arrange great festivals of communal thanksgiving.
~ Pr. Norman Nagel, 1954 A.D.*

God gives to us that we may grow to be like Him. God has His delight in giving. The more we are like God, the more joy we have in giving and sharing our gifts with others. What He does for us, He wants us, in turn, to do for others.
~ Pr. Norman Nagel,
1954 A.D.

Choir: He will not al- | ways accuse us,*
nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.

He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.

**C: For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,*
so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.**

**As far as the east is | from the west,*
so far has he removed our | sins from us.**

Choir: As a father cares | for his children,*
so does the LORD care for | those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof | we are made;*
he remembers that we | are but dust.

**C: Our days are | like the grass;*
we flourish like a flower | of the field;**

**when the wind goes over it, | it is gone,*
and its place shall know | it no more.**

All: Antiphon

Choir: But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures
forever on | those who fear him,*
and his righteousness on | children's children;

on those who | keep his covenant*
and remember his command- | ments and do them.

**C: The LORD has set his | throne in heaven,*
and his kingship has dominion | over all.**

**Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who | do his bidding,*
and hearken to the voice | of his word.**

All: Antiphon

Choir: Bless the Lord all | you his hosts,*
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places
of | his dominion;*
bless the LORD | O my soul.

All: Antiphon

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has
compassion for his children. Heal the weakness of your
people and save us from everlasting death, that with the
saints and angels we may praise and glorify you, Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

OFFICE HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

... LSB #785

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall
be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and pos-
sess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ²And you
shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you
these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, test-
ing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep
his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hun-
ger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did
your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does
not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes

Man cannot keep God's commands and thereby win His favor even as he desperately tries in a self-righteous endeavor. But God has promised those with faith in Christ a rich eternal life in His presence. He has promised a land overflowing with peace, a Sabbath rest that transcends all human understanding. For His rich grace and provision we are to receive His gifts with joyous thanksgiving.
~ Pr. Scott Bruzek, 2004 A.D.

from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

.....Jeffrey Blersch

SECOND LESSON Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Word of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

... LSB #894

SERMON

“The Everlasting Cure”

HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

... LSB #806

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

P: O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C: **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

P: Give me the joy of your saving help again,

C: **and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

P: Let my mouth be full of your praise

C: **and your glory all the day long.**

P: Every day will I praise you,

C: **and praise your name forever and ever.**

P: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

C: **O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

P: He redeems my life from the grave,

C: **and crowns me with mercy and lovingkindness.**

P: Lord, hear my prayer,

C: **and let my cry come before you.**

There were ten lepers healed, and only one turned back to give thanks, but it is to be noticed that our Lord did not recall His gift from the other nine because of their lack of gratitude. When we begin to lessen our acts of kindness and helpfulness because we think those who receive do not properly appreciate what is done for them, it is time to question our own motives.

*~ Clyde Francis Lytle,
From State Church to Pluralism*

*“Give us this day our daily bread.”
What does this mean?
God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
~ from the Small Catechism*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

Each prayer ends with “through Jesus Christ, our Lord,” to which the congregation responds, “Amen”.

P: I thank you, my heavenly Father,

C: **through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen**

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

C: **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**

Please stand.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

... LSB #809

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

... J.S. Bach; arr. Michael Burkhardt

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

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Trumpet: Chad Premeau

Horn: Meagan Cihlar

Choir: Zion Lutheran Kantorei

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**A Prayer
As You Go**
Thanks be to
Thee, my
Lord Jesus
Christ,
for all the
benefits
Thou hast
won for me,
for all the
pains and
insults Thou
hast borne
for me.

O most mer-
ciful Re-
deemer,
Friend and
Brother,
may I know
Thee more
clearly,
love Thee
more dearly,
and follow
Thee more
nearly:
for ever and
ever. Amen

~ Richard of
Chichester,
1197 to
1253 A.D.

The Season of Advent in 2021 . . .

... begins at sundown on November 27, and ends with sundown on Friday, December 24. Advent worship prepares us to welcome the King into our homes and hearts.

Firelight Devotions: Sundays in Advent (4:30 PM)

November 28, December 5, 12, & 19

Weather permitting, Zion will gather on Luther Square each Sunday evening in Advent for "Prayer on the Square":

- 4:20 PM:** Informal Christmas Caroling
- 4:30 PM:** Advent Prayer Service
(25-30 Minutes)

Warm drinks (cider and hot chocolate) will be served, courtesy of the Board of Elders. Come, help "light the way" of Advent as we prepare for the Prince of Peace.

Christmas and New Year Schedule

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

- 3:00 PM: Simplified Lessons and Carols
- 5:00 PM: Festival of Lesson and Carols
- 8:00 PM: Holy Communion (Broadcast: WSAU)

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)

- 10:00 AM: Holy Communion (Broadcast: WSAU)

First Sunday after Christmas (Sunday, December 26)

- 9 & 11 AM: Holy Communion (St. Stephen, Martyr) (Broadcast: WSAU)

Monday (Dec. 27) through Friday (Dec. 30)

- 12:15 PM: Holy Communion (20 min)

New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31)

- 6:30 PM: Holy Communion

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

When: Saturday, December 4

Where: Zion's Church Hall

Time: 9 a.m. to noon (or until sold out)

Price: \$10.00 per pound

Bakers: You can help bake at church or home. All are welcome!

Buyers: Be sure to tell your relatives and friends.

Decorators: Help us decorate the cookies.

Other Helpers: Take cookies from pans, pack for storage, make up trays of cookies to sell, fold boxes, etc.

We will bake and decorate cookies in the church kitchen and hall, Monday through Friday, November 29 & 30 and December 1, 2 & 3, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. The success of the cookie sale will depend on how many people volunteer. There are never too many helpers – there is always something to do! Please join us! We need you to come and help anytime you can.

- Baking at home? Then bring your cookies to the church hall on Friday, December 3, or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 4.
- Cookie Painting will be done in the church hall on Monday, November 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We need volunteers to paint the frosted, cut-out cookies. All supplies will be provided.
- Extra help is needed on Friday, December 3 for pre-packaging cookies. Come to the church hall at 1:00 p.m.
- At the sale, there will be pre-packaged trays of cookies for sale, as well as trays of cookies for you to choose your own. This year we ask you to bring your own containers to fill with cookies, if possible. We will make sure to weigh them before you fill them. If you wish to make a cash donation to help defray the cost of the boxes, gloves, paper liners, trays, ingredients, etc., please mark your envelope "Cookie Sale."

If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Bliese, 715-675-2630.

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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