THANKSGIVING

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn ---------- Let All Things Now Living

CW 260

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 still guides us on to the end of our days.
   God's 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. **His law he enforces; 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 him 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!"

Stand.

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his

wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

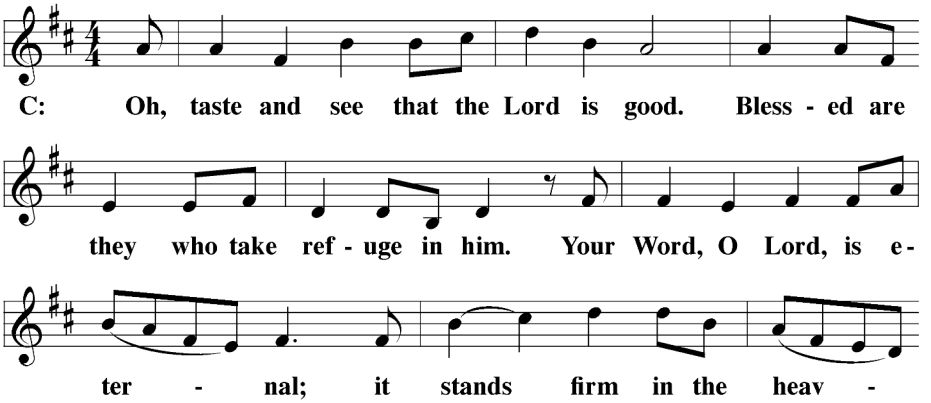
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

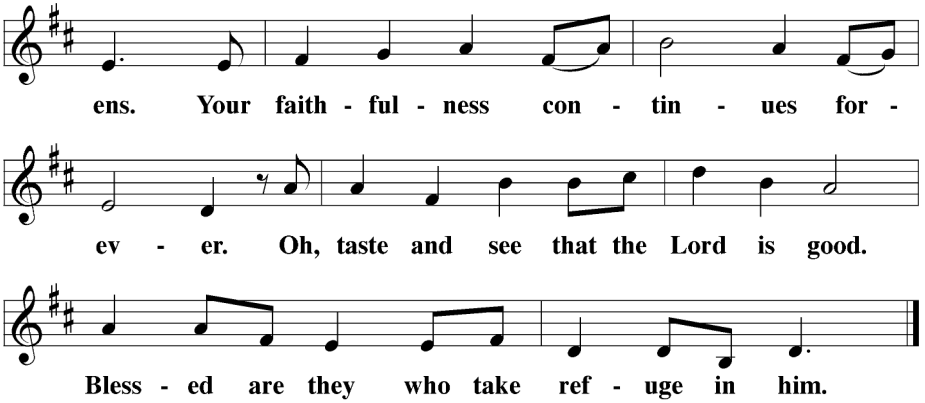
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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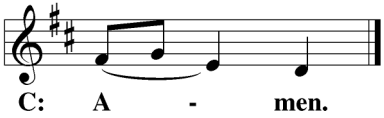




Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

> 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.



Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ---------- Deuteronomy 8:1–10

Be conscientious about carrying out the entire body of commands that I am giving you today so that you may thrive and increase and you may go in and possess the land that the LORD promised by oath to give to your fathers. Remember the whole journey on which the LORD your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you and to test you, in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. So he humbled you and

allowed you to be hungry. Then he fed you manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known before, in order to teach you that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes you wore did not wear out, and your feet did not swell these forty years. So know in your heart that just as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore you are to keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by revering him.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of gullies filled with water, a land with springs and groundwater that flows out into the valleys and down the mountains, a land with wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees for oil, and honey, a land where you can eat bread and not be poor, where you will not lack anything, a land whose rocks are iron and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Psalm of the Day ---------- Psalm 67

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Second Lesson ---------- Philippians 4:6–20

Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. Nevertheless, you did well by becoming partners with me in my affliction.

You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came

from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.

Hymn ---------- We Thank You for Your Blessings

CW 615

1. **We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;**
   We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev'rything:
   For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
   For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.

2. **This day of great thanksgiving We count them one by one:**
   Our free and fruitful country, The great things you have done,
   Our family, our loved ones, The guardian angels' care,
   Our very self and heartbeat-Lord, hear our thankful prayer!

3. **But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,**
   Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
   Our life now has full meaning-Christ Jesus is our God!
   Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.

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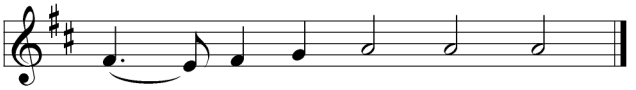
Gospel ---------- Luke 17:11–19

On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. When he entered a certain village, ten lepers met him. Standing at a distance, they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ---------- Come, You Thankful People, Come

CW 613

1. **Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.**
   All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
   God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.
   Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.

2. **All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;**
   Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
   First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
   Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. **For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,**
   From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
   Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,
   But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;**
   Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
   There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
   Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Sermon ---------- Luke 17:11–19

True Thanks from a Heart of Faith

Stand.

Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed

C: **I believe that God created me and all that exists, 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, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, 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.

Offering

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Offerings support the spread of the Gospel here and around the world.

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever

perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Be seated.

Hymn ---------- We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

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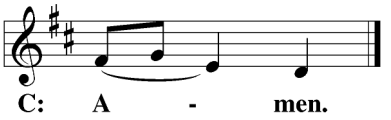
1. **We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!**
   In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
   We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
   We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

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 battles we win.

3. **With voices united our praises we offer;**
   To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
   Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
   To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!
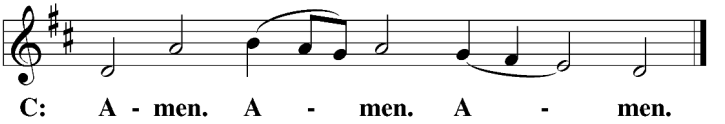
Stand.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated.

Hymn ---------- Now Thank We All Our God

CW 610

1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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