



And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17

Today's Divine Service Liturgy (how God serves us): **As Follows**

575 ♦ Adult Choir ♦ 196:1,3,5 ♦ 23 ♦ 558 (2nd tune)

Pre-Service Meditation Psalm 148 (Red Hymnal pg. 156) ~ Opening Bells / Prayer

Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction.

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

PASTOR: We begin our Thanksgiving worship service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #575 [Red Hymnal]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS (PSALM 51:15, 17)

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P: O Lord, open my lips...

And my mouth shall proclaim Your praise!

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

Make haste to help me, Oh Lord!

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line from the previous system.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Musical notation for the third system, continuing the melody and bass line.

Ho - ly Ghost: As He was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er

Musical notation for the fourth system, continuing the melody and bass line.

Shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Musical notation for the fifth system, concluding the hymn with a double bar line.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

Focusing on prayer, we confess what Jesus teaches us through the prayer He taught us.

P: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,

All: for they shall be satisfied.

P: Lord God,

All: we confess to You that we often struggle to be thankful for what we have, especially when our hearts and minds are filled with desire for what we don't have. We worry unnecessarily about our future, when in our hearts we know that we are safe in Your hands. Forgive our thanklessness and our sin against You and against our neighbor. Fill us with the joy of Your presence and Your promise of eternal salvation.

P: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access to His grace by which we now stand. Therefore, by the command of Christ and the power of His cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen! Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord; for He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

P: 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 goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in holiness and purity of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen!

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ 2 CHRONICLES 20:1-30

THANKING GOD IN ADVANCE?

1 After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat. **2** Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). **3** Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. **4** The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. **5** Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and

Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard **6** and said:

*"O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. **7** O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? **8** They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, **9** 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.' **10** 'But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. **11** See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. **12** O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."*

13 All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD. **14** Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. **15** He said:

*"Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. **16** Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. **17** You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'"*

18 Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. **19** Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice. **20** Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." **21** After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever!"

22 As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. **23** The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. **24** When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. **25** So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value-- more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

26 On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Beracah to this day. **27** Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. **28** They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lutes and trumpets. **29** The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. **30** And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

ADULT CHOIR HYMN: "Ever Faithful, Ever Sure"

THANKFULLY CONTENT ... ALWAYS?

- 8** 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. **9** 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. **10** 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.
- 11** I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. **12** 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.
- 13** I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

HYMN OF PRAYERFUL CONTENTMENT: #196:1,3,5 [TLH]

SERMON MEDITATION read/watch sermons and services online at www.fdllutheran.org

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NKJV)

- 17** Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls --
- 18** Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19** The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.

THANKS FOR NOTHING?

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SERMON HYMN: #23 [Red Hymnal]

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERING MEDITATION: "How Great Thou Art" (Tan Supplement #744)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

***Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"***

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father, who has made us and provided for us; who guards and protects us, upholds and sustains us; who loves us with redeeming love in Jesus Christ, His Son.

ALL: Heavenly Father, we thank you!

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God who became flesh for us; who gave His life upon the cross for our redemption and was raised for our justification; who pleads for us before the throne of grace, and will come again to receive His faithful into everlasting life.

ALL: Lord Jesus, we thank you!

P: Let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit, by whom we are brought to saving faith in Jesus Christ, united with God's people in His holy family, graced with all the gifts of God, and strengthened to live as God's beloved children, forever.

ALL: Holy Spirit, we thank you!

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

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven... (pray the Lord's Prayer)

THE BENEDICTION - *The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God our Father,
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

ALL: *(speaks)* **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN: #558 (2nd Tune) [Red Hymnal]

THANKSGIVING WELCOME!

A blessed Thanksgiving to you all in Christ Jesus! He is worthy of our thanks and praise each day. May God give us more appreciative and thankful hearts, for He *"has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"* (Ephesians 1:3).

***Please sign our guest book in the entryway and join us for worship...
Saturdays at 6pm & Sundays at 10am!***

Don't think of the
things you didn't get after
Praying.
Think of the countless blessings
Jesus gave you without you
Asking.

