

Give
thanks
to the LORD
for He is good
His love endures
f o r e v e r

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

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

Pre-Service Meditation Psalm 65 (Red Hymnal pg. 136)

Opening Bells / Prayer

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!

HYMN #574:1,3-4 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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 on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff.

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 piece 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. 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!

HYMN #894 "For the Fruits of His Creation"

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VERSE 1

Men: **For the fruits of His creation,** ALL: **Thanks be to God!**
Men: **For His gifts to ev'ry nation,** ALL: **Thanks be to God!**
Men: **For the plowing, sowing, reaping,**
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE 2

Women: **In the just reward of labor,** ALL: **God's will is done!**
Women: **In the help we give our neighbor,** ALL: **God's will is done!**
Women: **In our world-wide task of caring,**
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvest we are sharing, ALL: **God's will is done!**

VERSE 3

**ALL: For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God!
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God!**

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. **3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, **7** for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle-- I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying-- a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. **8** I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

ADULT CHOIR HYMN: #793 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

1. 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. 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. 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.! AMEN.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ LUKE 17:11-19

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. **12** Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. **13** And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. **15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, **16** and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. **17** So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? **18** "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

HYMN #30:1,5-6 "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

SERMON MEDITATION

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

NKJ Deuteronomy 8:1 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. **2** "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. **3** "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. **4** "Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 "You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. **6** "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. **7** "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; **8** "a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; **9** "a 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. **10** "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, **12** "lest-- when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; **13** "and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; **14** "when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; **15** "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; **16** "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end-- **17** "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. **19** "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. **20** "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE!

- ✓ THOUGH TESTED, WE ARE BLESSED
- ✓ THOUGH CORRECTED, WE ARE PROTECTED
- ✓ THOUGH FORGETFUL, HE IS FAITHFUL

HYMN: #568 "We Praise, Thee, O God"

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: "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman

FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING HYMN: [Red Hymnal #568:1,3]

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, We kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us, Our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.

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: (Sing the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father which 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 debts as we Forgive our Debtors

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!

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!**

HYMN: #36 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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!***

*I've
So much to be*
THANKFUL
For

Don't think of the
things you didn't get after

Praying.

Think of the countless blessings
Jesus gave you without you

Asking.

