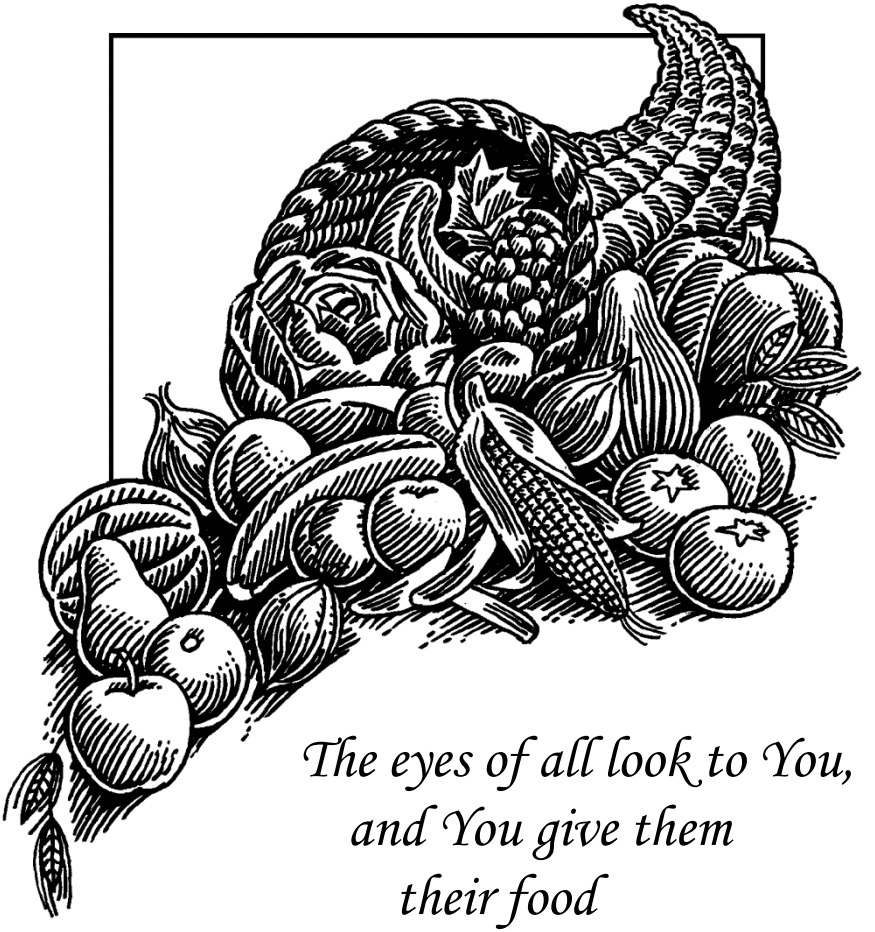


The eyes of all look to You,
and You give them
their food
at the proper time.
You open Your hand
and satisfy the desires
of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15-16

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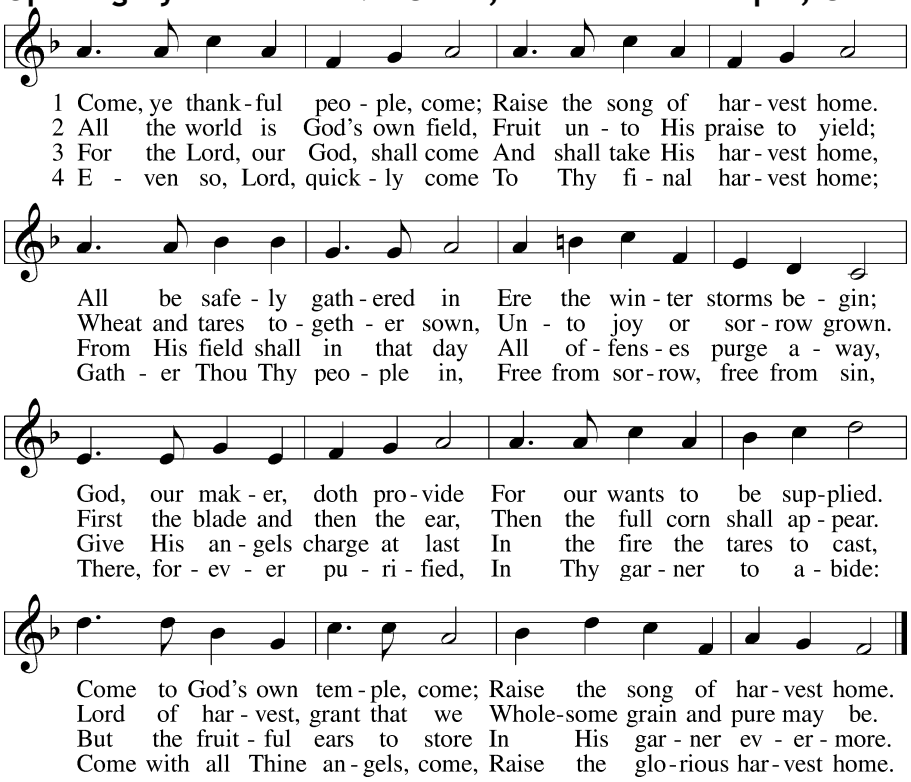
SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day *November 26, 2026*

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



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Invocation

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P O Lord, open my lips,

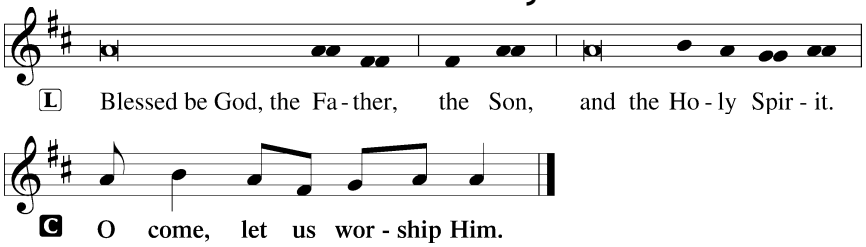
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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.

Psalmody



Psalm 103

P Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

P who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

P who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

P He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

P As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

C **For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

P As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

C for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

P But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

C to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

P The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

C Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

P Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

C Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

C 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

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 possess 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, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3And he humbled you and let you hunger 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 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. [10]And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 67:6–7

P The earth has yielded its increase;
C **God, our God, shall bless us.**
P God shall bless us;
C **let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–4

[1]First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, [2]for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3]This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4]who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

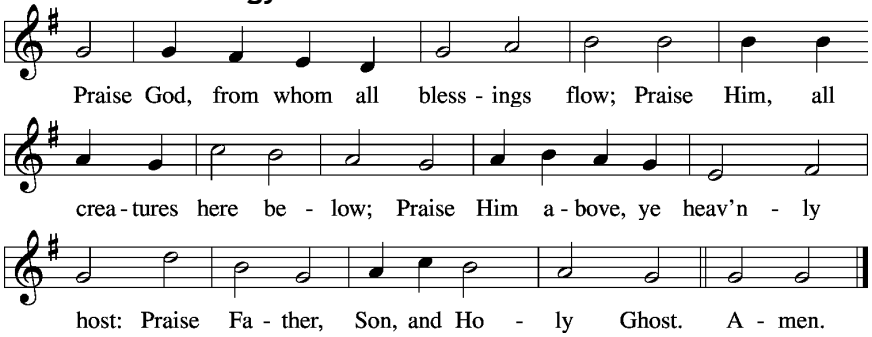
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A Thanksgiving Prayer

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

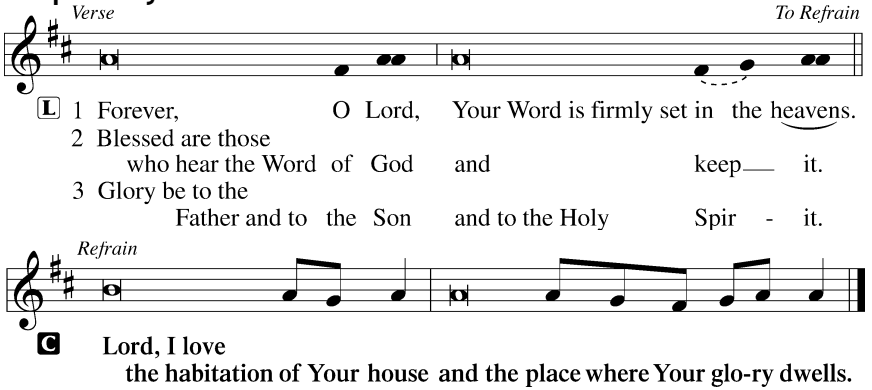
[11]On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12]And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance [13]and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." [14]When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves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

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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The Apostles' Creed and Its Explanation from Luther's Small Catechism

P The First Article of the Creed treats the doctrine of *Creation*:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; 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.**

All Men: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

All Women: He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

C **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.**

P The Second Article of the Creed treats the doctrine of *Redemption*:

C **And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

All Men: Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

All Women: Not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

C **That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

P The Third Article of the Creed treats the doctrine of *Sanctification*:

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

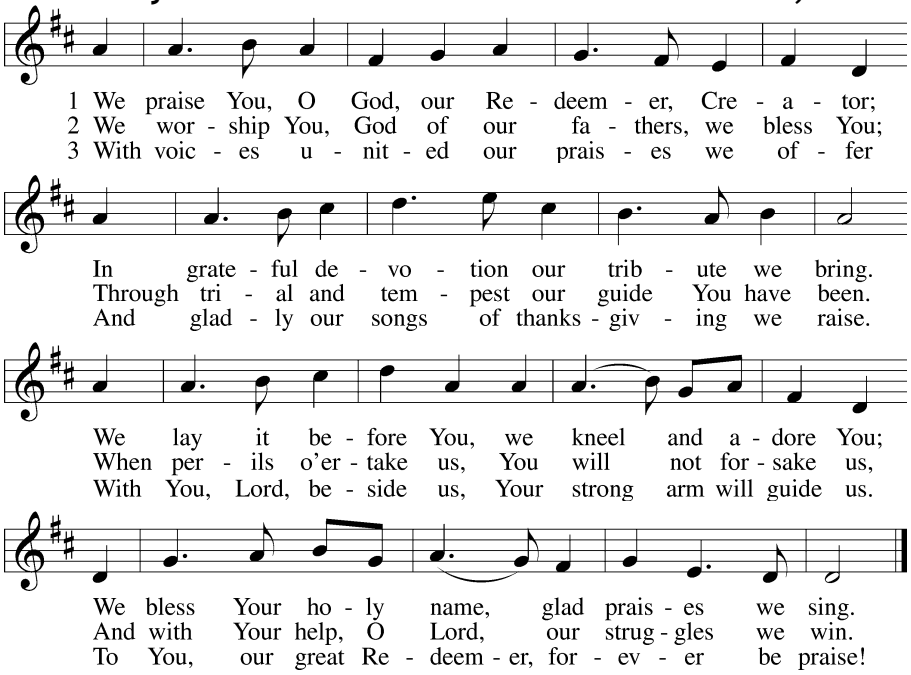
All Men: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

All Women: In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

C **On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

Sit

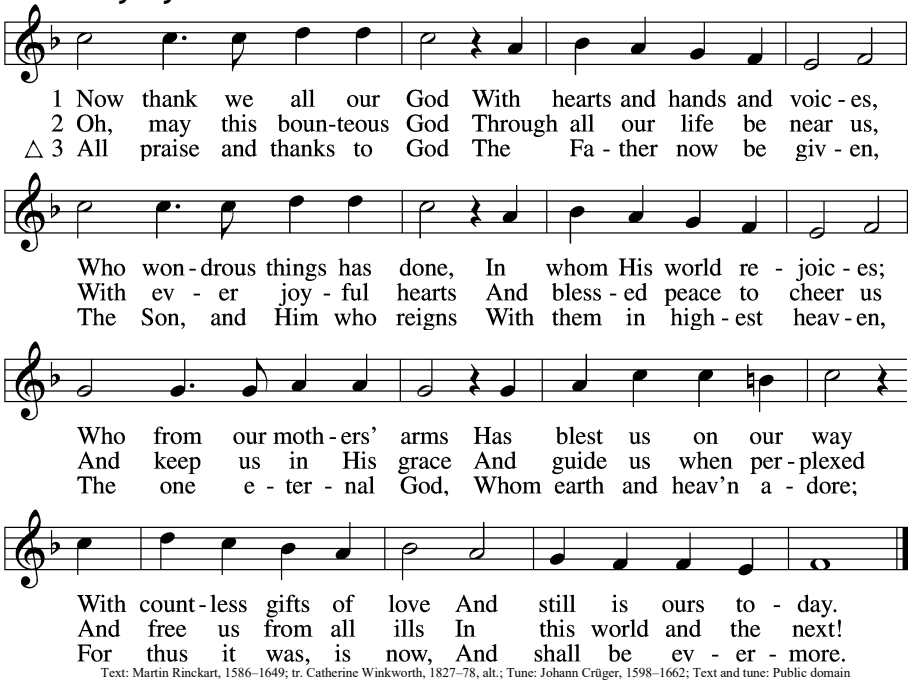
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Sermon — "Thanksgiving and Sanctification"

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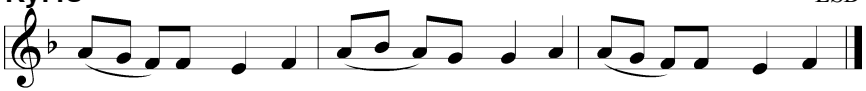
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Prayer

Kyrie — *LSB 227*



Litany of Thanksgiving

P Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

C **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 willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P For the beauty and wonder of Your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For the natural majesty and beauty of our land,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For clothing and shoes, house and home, and all that is needed to support this body and life,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For the brave and courageous who serve to protect us and preserve our liberty,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
C **We thank You, Lord.**
P Above all, we give You thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and for those special blessings we each silently name before You now in our hearts: (*Moment of Silent 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.**

Benedicamus

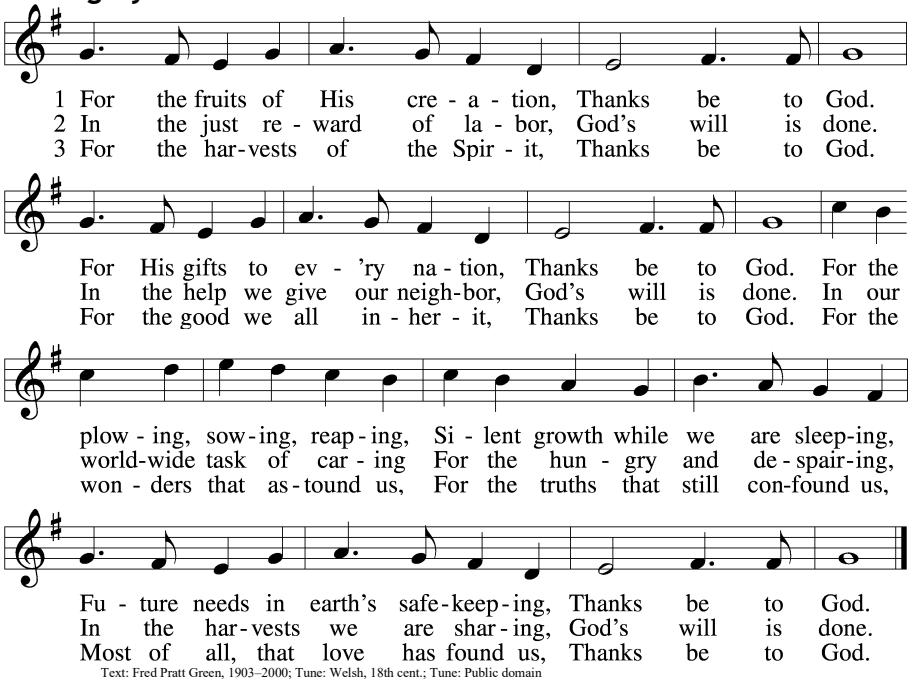
P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✢ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn — 894 For the Fruits of His Creation



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