

GIFT of
GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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PRELUDE

Stand

OPENING HYMN

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest home;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
Wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,
Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.
Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy gar-ner to a-bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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INTROIT

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: v. 33

I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; *
I will sing praise to my God while I have | being.

**O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all; *
the earth is full of your | creatures.**

These all | look to you, *
to give them their food in due | season.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

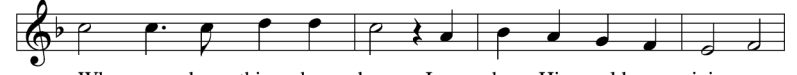
C Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voi-c-es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re-joic-es;
With ev-er joy-ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per-plexed
The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His promises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;* when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,* and you renew the face of the ground.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;* I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

PASTORAL GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, You give life to the seed, rain to the plant and fruit to the harvest. Receive our thanks for the rich bounty the earth has provided and for the daily bread that supplies all we need for this body and life. Teach us to be generous with Your gifts, willingly sharing with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, since we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes out of Your mouth, bless those who proclaim Your Word, that we may hear it and live. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be gracious to husbands and wives, parents and children. Bless them and make Your face shine upon them, that they may know Your saving power and make Your truth known on the earth to the coming generation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give You thanks, O God, that You hear the prayers of Your people, especially those who cry out to You in illness and need especially Bev Kuehn, Heather Roll, Heather Wesner, and those we now name before you... (pause) . Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, O Lord, to receive the great Thanksgiving feast of Your Son's body and blood with repentant and thankful hearts, recognizing all Your benefits toward us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, teach us the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need, helping us to do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The First Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy *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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 7

- ¹May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make his face to shine up- | on us,
- ²that your way may be | known on earth,*
your saving power among all | nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise you!
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations up- | on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise you!
- ⁶The earth has yielded its | increase;*
God, our God, shall | bless us.
- ⁷God shall | bless us;*
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Philippians *Philippians 4:6-20*

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

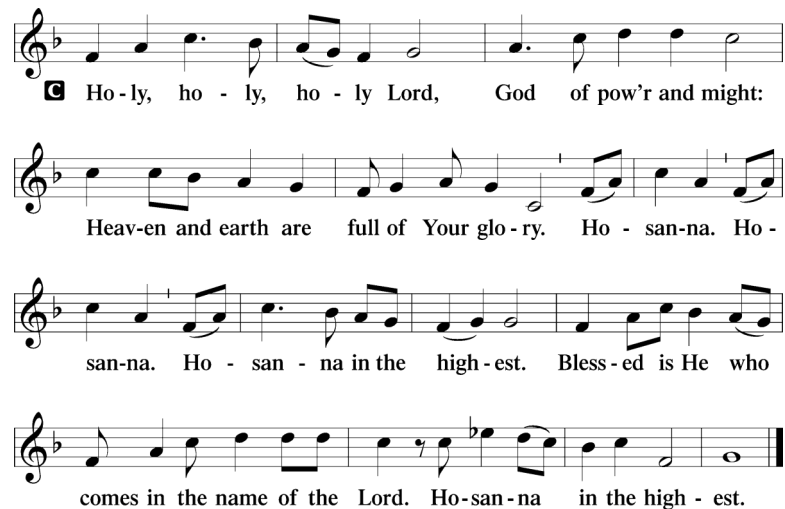
785 We Praise You, O God

1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer
 In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.
 We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
 With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.
 We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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Sanctus

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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THE SERMON

Giving Thanks to Jesus as God

Stand

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P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PSALM (Psalm 148:9-13)

⁹Mountains and | all hills,*
 fruit trees and all | cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all | livestock,*
 creeping things and | flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*
 princes and all rulers | of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens to- | gether,*
 old men and | children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 for his name alone is ex- | alted;*
 his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

HOLY COMMUNION

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: