

OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,

FOR HE
IS GOOD!

FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

PSALM 136:1

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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Hymn 568 — We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

INVOCATION

- p 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

p 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.

all 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.

p 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

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your

Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it

stands firm in the heav - ens. Your

faith-ful-ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh,

taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

p 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 your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, forevermore.

c  A-men.

THE WORD

Deuteronomy 8:1-10 “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.

Philippians 4:6-20 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the


peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. 14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once

and again for my necessities. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 17:11-19 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.”

p Blessed are they who hear the
Word of God and keep it!

c  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are
written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Children's Hymn

Hymn 36 — Now Thank We All Our God

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GIVING THANKS TO GOD ACCORDING TO PSALM 136

Versus 1 - 3 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever. 2 Oh, give thanks to the
God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. 3 Oh, give
thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

**Give thanks to the Lord for his great mercy,
for all the times he has forgiven us, and all his gifts**

Versus 4 – 9 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever; 5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever; 6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever; 7 To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever -- 8 The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; 9 The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.

**Give thanks for the earth, and the
seasons, for beauty and food**

Versus 10 – 15 To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; 11 And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever; 12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever; 13 To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever; 14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His mercy endures forever; 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures forever;

**God showed his strength, he destroyed his
enemies and delivered his people**

Versus 16 – 22 To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His mercy endures forever; 17 To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever; 18 And slew famous kings, For His mercy endures forever -- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites, For His mercy endures forever; 20 And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy endures forever -- 21 And gave their land as a heritage, For His mercy endures forever; 22 A heritage to Israel His servant, For His mercy endures forever.

**The Lord not only delivered the Israelites
but gave them a land and a heritage**

Versus 23 – 26 Who remembered us in our lowly state,
For His mercy endures forever; 24 And rescued us from
our enemies, For His mercy endures forever; 25 Who
gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.
26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His
mercy endures forever.

**The Lord gave all these things even
when they deserved nothing**

THE APOSTLES' CREED


all I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty. From there He
will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Hymn 360 — Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Offering and Offering Hymn: 441 vs. 1-2

- c  We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may
be All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord,
from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards
true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee
our first fruits give!

PRAYER

- p 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.
- p 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.
- p Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from
every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors
of crime, and 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.



p 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 blessings 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.

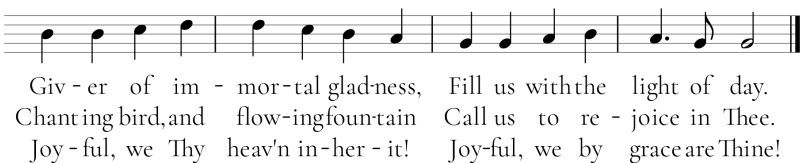
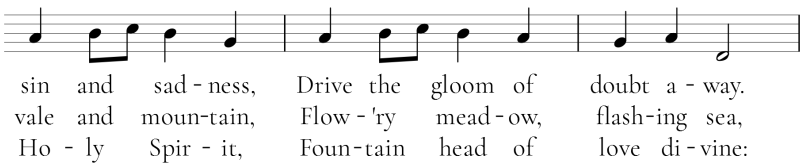
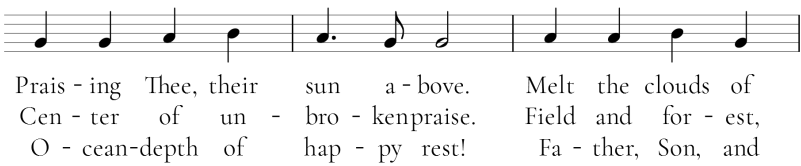
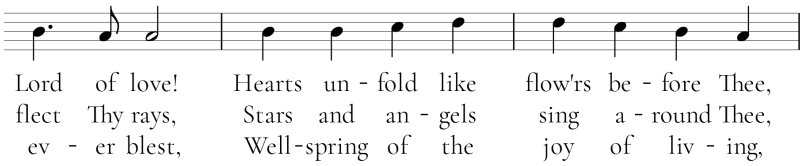
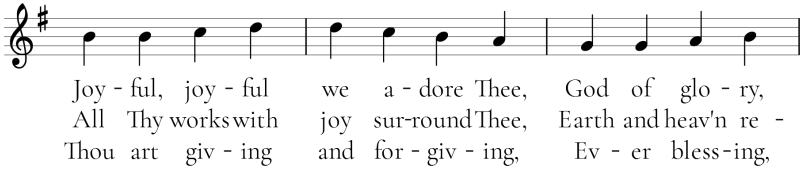
p We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

- all 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.
- p O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- c  A-men.
- p Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
- p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
- c  A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn LSB 803 — Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee





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