

Praise and Thanksgiving

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer For all things living,
Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown field, Blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord the labor We bring to serve You That with our
neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work
with You, Harvesting, milling For Daily bread.**

**Father, providing Food for your children, By your wise guiding
Teach us to share One with another, so that, rejoicing With us,
all others May know Your care. Amen!**



THANKSGIVING EVE

NOVEMBER 22, 2023

6:30P

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

AS WE GATHER: In Luke 17, we hear the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a despised Samaritan. Jesus did not take back His healing of the nine, despite their seeming lack of gratitude. He simply exclaimed, “Where are the nine?” None of us can claim to have never been with the nine. Our national day of Thanksgiving reminds us all that we take so much for granted and that our lives are not always lived in thankfulness and gratitude to God. Yet that does not stop Jesus from loving us, forgiving our sins by His cross, dying and rising for us, and giving us the power of His Spirit to, however imperfectly, express thanks to God.

PRELUDE

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” 892

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING VERSES

Psalm 118:1–4

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P Let Israel say,

C “His steadfast love endures forever.”

P Let the house of Aaron say,

C “His steadfast love endures forever.”

P Let those who fear the LORD say,

C “His steadfast love endures forever.”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God's good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God's re-creating word of forgiveness.

C We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. And like the nine lepers, we fail to thank You as we should.

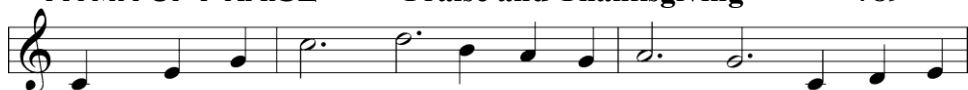
P Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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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, Blossom 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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, our Creator, Your generosity exceeds our imaginations. Fill us with thankfulness for Your divine goodness and mercy, so that our hearts overflow with generosity in our homes, churches, and communities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

C Amen.

We sit.

ANTHEM “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” ed. Rowan

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:6-20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” 806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks because He's giv-en
 Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“Cop an Attitude”

Pastor Michael Geml

ANTHEM

“Simple Gifts Abound”

Karen Buckwalter

We stand.

CATECHISM

The First Article of the Creed

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P God of abundant generosity, You supply every need according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. We thank You for gifts of house and home, food and clothing, family and friends. Most especially, we thank You for the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, who in His body and blood gives us forgiveness of sins, true life, and salvation from all false gods. For all this it is both our duty and our delight to thank and praise You.

C To our God and Father be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P the Lord be with you.

C and also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” 893

“For the Fruits of His Creation” 894

We stand.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Psalm 106:1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C for **His steadfast love endures forever!**

P We give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, that You have freely given to us the blessing of Your Son's body and blood. As we go forth from Your Table to share in Your many blessings in our own homes and on our own tables, help us to abound in thanksgiving and love all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God” 895

POSTLUDE