



# Give Thanks

to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Seward, Nebraska

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*November 25, 2021*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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## SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

### Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. If you would like musical notation or would like to sing parts you can find they hymns in "Christian Worship: a Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship. Serving in worship

## SERVING US

**Worship Leader**

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**Organist**

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# THANKSGIVING

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**M** O Lord, open my lips.

**C** And my mouth shall declare your praise.

**M** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C** O Lord, Come quickly to help me.

**M** Give glory to God, our Light and our life.

**C** Come, oh, come, let us worship.

*(Come, Oh Come: Pastor will sing the refrain through once, then the congregation joins in singing the refrain and the verses)*

①



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

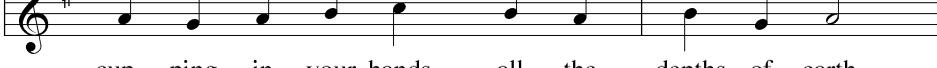


come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

*Verses*



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the mountains high,  
 You are the God whom we call our own,  
*to Refrain*

you made the seas and the dry land.  
 we are the flock that you shepherd.

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## RESPONSIVE READING:

**M** How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all, the earth is full of your riches.

**C** **Praise the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits**

**M** O God the Father, almighty Creator, Preserver, and bountiful Giver of all good gifts:

**C** **We are not worthy of your daily care and protection, nor of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.**

**M** O God the Son, blessed Savior, wonderful Redeemer from sin:

**C** **We are not worthy of the love which caused you to live and die in our place to win our forgiveness.**

**M** O God the Holy Spirit, gracious Sanctifier, eternal Comforter, blessed Source of saving faith:

**C** **We are not worthy of the faith which you worked in our hearts through your word at our Baptism, nor of the comfort and encouragement you continue to grant us through the Word and Sacrament.**

**M** O Holy Triune God, gracious and forgiving Lord, the only true God:

**C** **We confess our many sins, and especially do we confess our sins of thanklessness, discontent and greed. Help us to learn to appreciate all the things that you have done and continue to do for us every day. Help us to see that the forgiveness and faith that you have given us are our greatest blessings so that, like Paul, we might learn the secret of being content in any and every situation. Forgive us and help us for Jesus' sake, Amen.**

**M** As a servant of the Word, I assure you that God has heard your prayer and will help you grow in contentment and thankfulness. In his place, on the authority of His word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**HYMN:** 609 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

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

2 We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

**READING:** Deuteronomy 8:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you eat and are satisfied, and you build nice houses and move into them, <sup>13</sup>and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, <sup>14</sup>watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. <sup>15</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. <sup>16</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on.

<sup>17</sup>You might say in your heart, "My ability and the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me." <sup>18</sup>But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.

**M** The word of the Lord!

**C**      **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM:** Portions of Psalms 147 & 103—We thank God for our physical and spiritual blessings.

**Refrain** (Sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**M** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

**C** **Make music to our God on the harp.**

**M** He covers the sky with clouds;

**C** **He supplies the earth with rain.**

**M** He makes grass grow on the hills.

**C** **He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.**

**M** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens.

**C** **Praise the Lord.**

**Refrain:** (Sing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**M** Praise the Lord, O my soul;

**C** **All my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

**M** Praise the Lord, O my soul,

**C** **And forget not all his benefits.**

**M** He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;

**C** **He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.**

**M** He does not treat us as our sins deserve.

**C Or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**M** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**C So great is his love for those who fear him;**

**M** As far as the east is from the west,

**C So far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**M** The Lord has established His throne in heaven.

**C And his kingdom rules over all.**

**M** Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**C Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

**Refrain:** (Sing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**READING:** Philippians 4:10-20

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you did well by becoming partners with me in my affliction.

<sup>15</sup>You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup>Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup>Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. <sup>18</sup>I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.

**M** The word of the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN:** 614 "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.

**READING:** Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

**M** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** (Luther's explanation of the First Article)

"I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

"And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

"All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

"For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

"This is most certainly true."

## **HYMN:** 611 "For the Fruit of His Creation"

1 For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

3 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

## **SERMON**

*Philippians 4:10-14*

## **THE FOURTH PETITION:** (with Luther's explanation)

Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this

petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What then is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, fields and flocks, money and goods, a godly family, good workers, good government, honest leaders, good citizens, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, loyal friends and good neighbors.

**OFFERING:** (Designated for WELS Christian Aid and Relief)

1 Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.  
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.  
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.

4 As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best  
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."

## **PRAYER**

**M** Let us give thanks to God our Father through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, for all His gifts For our redemption by the precious blood of Jesus, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For the holy Christian Church, where God's Word is proclaimed and His Sacraments are administered, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For our pastors and Christian teachers as they feed and nurture us in the faith with God's gracious Word of the forgiveness of our sins, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For the leaders of our nation, state, and city, together with all those in authority, especially for those serving in our armed forces, through whom we receive God's gracious protection,

let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For the gift of all God's creatures in earth and sky and sea, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For good weather and for the harvest, for food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, family and friends, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For health and strength to work, and for leisure to rest and play, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For God's care and protection upon those who call on Him in any need, for His healing and help to the sick and suffering, for His comfort to those who mourn, and for satisfying the desires of the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For the gifts of the forgiveness of sins, strengthening of our faith, peace, life, and salvation which we receive in Christ's body and blood given to us in the Sacrament, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For all those who have departed this life steadfast in God's Word and received the crown of life, let us give thanks to God:

**C We thank You, Lord.**

**M** For all the gifts of God's bounty we ask that we may be made faithful stewards and praise His great and glorious name; through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, In whose name we join in praying:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## **BENEDICTION**

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen

## **HYMN:** 610 "Now Thank We All Our God"

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.