

November 23, 2023 10:00 a.m.

# Thanksgiving Day

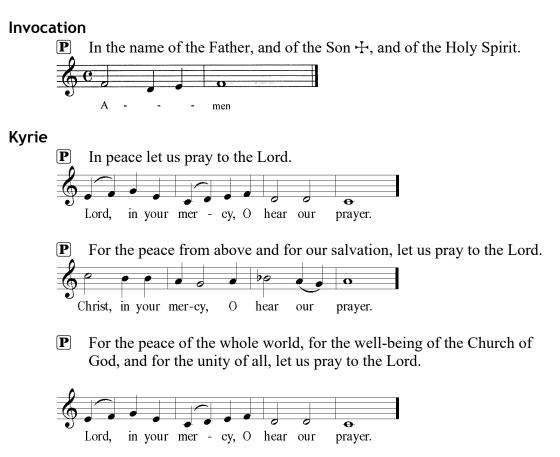
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Prelude Preludes on "Lobe den Herren" (Hymn 790)

Max Reger (1873-1916) Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

#### Welcome

## Hymn: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



● For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



Music by David P. Babbitt (1947-2006) Glo-ry to God, \_\_\_\_ glo-ry to God, \_\_\_ glo-ry to God in the high-est; and peace to his peo-ple on Lord \_\_\_ God, earth. king, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, heav - en-ly we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Lord God, Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the world, have Fa-ther. 0 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, mer - cy on us. re -

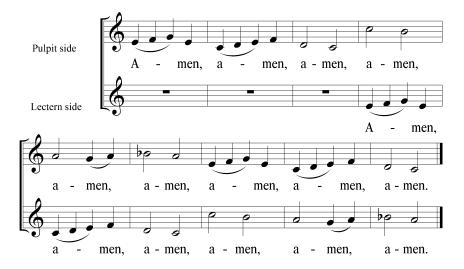
## **Canticle of Praise**



#### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray

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.



## **First Lesson**

#### Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"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. And 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. And 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. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For 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, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 67

Sung to "Herzlich tut mich verlangen"

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in thy grace; cause thou to shine upon us the brightness of thy face; that so thy way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto ev'ry people thy saving grace be shown,

O God, thy children praise thee, let all the nations sing, in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring; for thou shalt judge the people in truth and righteousness, and through the earth the nations shall thy just rule confess.

O God, let people praise thee, let all the nations sing, for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring. The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send, and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end. Paraphrase from *The Psalter (1912)*   △ All praise to God the Father, the unbegotten One, all honor be to Jesus, his sole-begotten Son, and to the Holy Spirit — the perfect Trinity. Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

## Second Lesson

#### Philippians 4:4–20

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

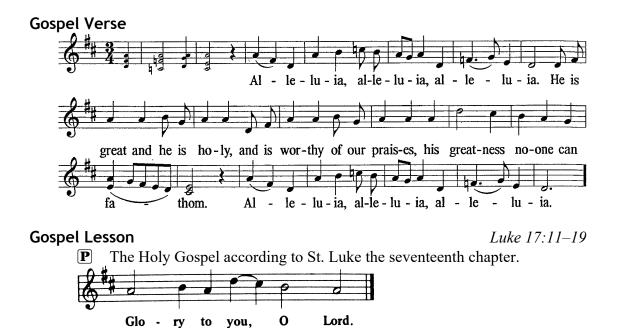
Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice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

I 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. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

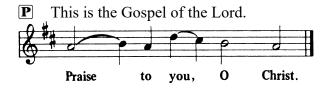
Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I 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. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**C** Thanks be to God.



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





Dr. Martin Luther's Explanation to the First Article

spoken in unison

**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.

(Please be seated)

# Hymn: 785 We Praise You, O God

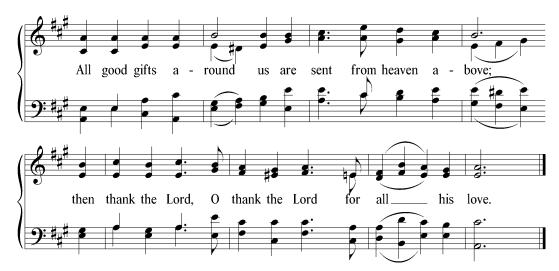
**Sermon** Bless the Lord your God! ~ Deuteronomy 8:1-10

# The Food Offerings Are Received

As the volunteers bring the bags of groceries to the altar the congregation may sing the following hymns as time allows. Donations are given to the City Team Ministries kitchen. Checks are also accepted. Make out checks to Zion Lutheran Church and put "Thanksgiving Groceries" in the memo line.

## Hymn: 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come







# THE TITHES & OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

The Offertory Prelude on "Lobe den Herren" (Hymn 790) Max Reger Presentation Hymn Music by David Babbitt (1947-2006) The vine-yards are fruit-ful, Lord; the cup of our bless-ings, o-ver-flows, it o-ver-flows. Gath-er a har-vest, Lord, from seeds that were Lord. it and feed us with the bread of life, and feed us with the bread of Lord, sown, O 0 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we life. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and of-fer. give us a fore-taste of the feast to come, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

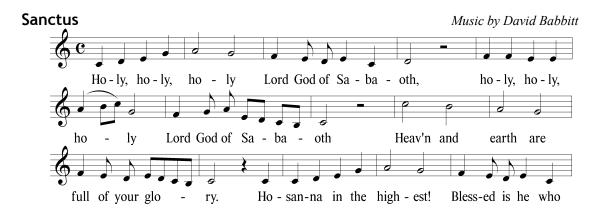
#### **Our Prayers are Offered**

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- **P** ... Lord in your mercy,
- **C** Hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.





**P** It is truly good, right and salutary ...evermore praising you and saying:





comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high-est!

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

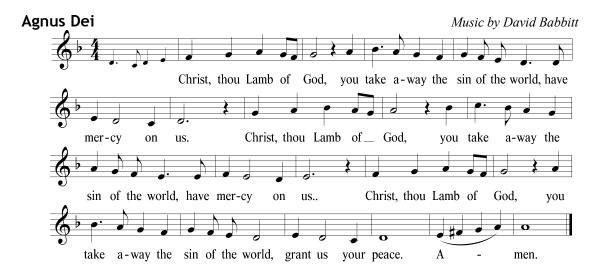
- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

# The Words of Our Lord

- **P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed,...
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.



(Please be seated during the Distribution.)

#### **Distribution Hymns**

#### Hymn: 804 O Worship the King

O worship the King, all-glorious above. O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

# Hymn: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own. With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me." Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue, Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

## Hymn: 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

O God of mercy, God of might, In love and pity infinite, Teach us, as ever in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.

And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost world might live thereby, O hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught: To feel for those Thy blood hath bought, That ev'ry word and deed and thought May work a work for Thee.

All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and grace provide To love them all in Thee!

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, May we each other's burdens share; May we, where help is needed, there Give help as unto Thee! And may Thy Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above All those who live in Thee.

(Please rise for the dismissal.)

# The Dismissal

**C** Amen.



#### **Post Communion Collect**

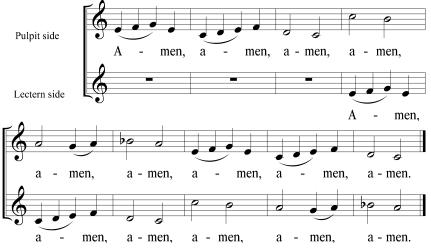
**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God,...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Benediction

▶ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



Hymn: 816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Postlude Prelude on "Nun danket alle Gott" (Hymn 794) M

Max Reger

#### Serving us in Worship Today

*Liturgist and Preacher* Rev. Paul Aldrich Monitor Operator Blaise Walsh

Organist Dr. David R. Hunsberger

*Ushers* Llela Walsh Peter Grunow Michael Grunow

Communion Assistant Paul Grunow *Livestream Producer* Thomas Nelson

*Altar Guild* Carolyn Dal Ferro Andrea Uhle