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Sunday Before Thanksgiving

"God's Indescribable Gift"

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Creative Worship



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

As We Gather

Happy Thanksgiving! You are in the right place. Like the leper who returned to Jesus to offer Him thanks, you are a guest of the God of all things, who in love provides for all your needs. As you reflect on the abundant blessings you have received from the Lord this year, do not forget the gift of faith. You know a Savior in Jesus Christ! You have hope and salvation! You are an heir of heaven! You have a treasure more valuable than the wealth of the whole world. Rejoice that the Master has had mercy on you and that your faith has made you well.

PREPARATION

Hymn 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 100*

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

P Come into His presence with singing!

C **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

P It is He who made us, and we are His;

C **we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

P For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Confession and Absolution

P O Lord, we confess:

C **Your steadfast love endures forever. You are the source of all good things. Yet, for our thankless hearts, that is often not good enough. We do not recognize Your blessings or return Your generosity with gratitude. Our stubborn, sinful nature hoards for itself and refuses to share the overflow we have been given. Forgive us, O Lord,**

and stir us to thankfulness for Your gifts in this life, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, through whom we have gifts for the life to come. Amen.

Pause for silent reflection

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

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

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

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

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

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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

Kyrie *LSB 204*

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer 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.
C Amen.

First Reading *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

Remember the LORD Your God

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. 2 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. 3 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. 4 Your clothing did not wear
out on you and your foot did not swell
these forty years. 5 Know then in your
heart that, as a man disciplines his son,
the LORD your God disciplines you. 6 So
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."

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

Psalm

Make Your Face Shine upon Us

L 1May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
C **2that your way may be known on earth,**
your saving power among all nations.

L 3Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
C **4Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

L 5Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
C **6The earth has yielded its increase;**
God, our God, shall bless us.

L 7God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Epistle *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 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.

God's Provision

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Verse *Psalm 136:1*

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
C Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 17:11–19*

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

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

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."

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

Kid's Sermon

Hymn: 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

△4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.

The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
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Sermon: "God's Indescribable Gift" *2 Cor. 9:15*

Catechism *Explanation of the First Article; Second and Third Articles*

P We affirm our faith in God the Father, our Creator and Caretaker.

C **He made us! We are His!**

P He gives us all good things to support our life.

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.**

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

C **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.**

P All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

C **For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

P We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the Father, our Savior and King!

C **He redeemed us! We are His!**

P He gives to us the most gracious gifts of all: the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting!

C **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate!

C **He claimed us! We are His!**

P He blesses us through the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper!

C **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.**

P O triune God, You alone are worthy of all thanks and praise at this time and forevermore!

C **Amen!**

Prayer Response

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Offertory: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△1 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.
Amen.

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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.

Closing Sentences *Psalm 103:1–5a*

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and forget not all His benefits,

P who forgives all your iniquity,
C who heals all your diseases,

P who redeems your life from the pit,

C who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P who satisfies you with good! Let us bless the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

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.

894 For the Fruits of His Creation

1 For the fruits 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 is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is 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.

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MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Nov 22
9 am – Adult Bible Study –
9 am – Children's Sunday School
10 am – Sunday before Thanksgiving

Mon Nov 23
4:30 pm -- Confirmation class
6:30 pm – Lutheranism 101

Tues Nov 24
10 am – Adult bible study
11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed Nov 25
10 am -- Quilters
NO Thanksgiving eve service

Thur Nov 26

THANKSGIVING

Fri Nov 27

Sat Nov 28

Sun Nov 29
9 am – Adult Bible Study –
9 am – Children's Sunday School
10 am – First Sunday in Advent

CHARTING OUR COURSE
Attendance week of Nov 15, 2026
10:00 am Worship in Person: 55/Online plays: 81
Communion: NA
9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 4
9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 11 /Online plays: 135

Sermon Notes:

"God's Indescribable Gift" 2 Cor. 9:15

1. ___ True or ___False.
Jesus through His Life, Death and Resurrection had to persuade the Father to love us.

2. ___ True or ___False.
Bible translations of our text are all the same.

3. What does God's indescribable gift mean to you?