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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Day of Thanksgiving

"Harvest Observance"

Order of Holy Matins

November 27, 2025

Opening Hymn

#790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



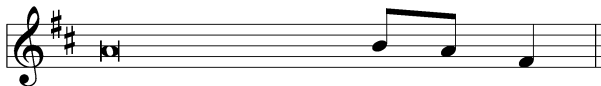
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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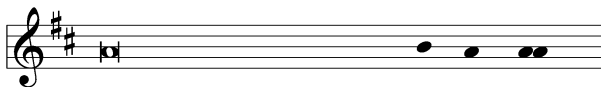
Common Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon (Common)

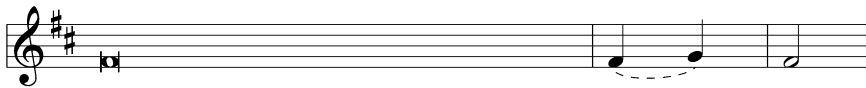


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



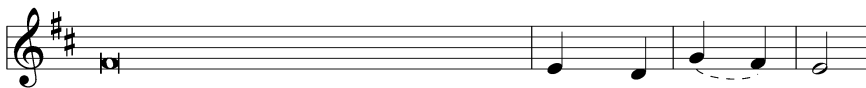
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



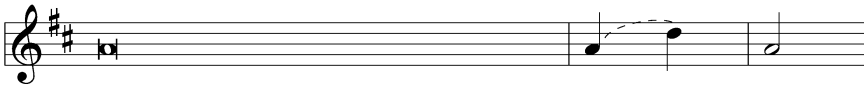
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

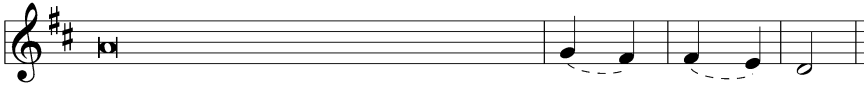


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)



☐ Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



☐ O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalmody (*sung responsively with the choir*)

Psalm 65



¹Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,*
and to you shall vows | be performed.

²O you who | hears prayer,*
to you shall | all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,*
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell | in your courts!*

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your | temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our sal- | vation,*
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the | farthest seas;

⁶the one who by his strength established the | mountains,*

being girded | with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,

the roaring | of their waves,*

the tumult of the | peoples,

⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs.*

You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it;

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of | water;*

you provide their grain,

for so you have pre- | pared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its | ridges,*

softening it with showers,

and bless- | ing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your | bounty;*

your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,*

the hills gird them- | selves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,*

they shout and sing together | for joy.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

and to the Holy | Spirit;

*as it was in the be- | ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#894 For the Fruits of His Creation
(Choir sings vs 2)

Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated

us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response “O Praise the Lord of Harvest”

Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Luke 12:13–21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “**Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?**” ¹⁵And he said to them, “**Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “**The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’**” ¹⁸And he said, “**I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.**” ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, “**Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?**” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

Verse *To Refrain*



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those
 who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



- C** Lord, I love
 the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sermon

Canticle Hymn

#940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



- 1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

5 From Thy high celestial home,
 Judge of all, again returning,
 We believe that Thou shalt come
 On that final judgment morning,
 When Thy voice shall shake the earth
 And the startled dead come forth.

6 Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
 By a thousand snares
 surrounded;
 Keep us without sin today,
 Never let us be confounded.
 Lo, I put my trust in Thee;
 Never, Lord, abandon me.

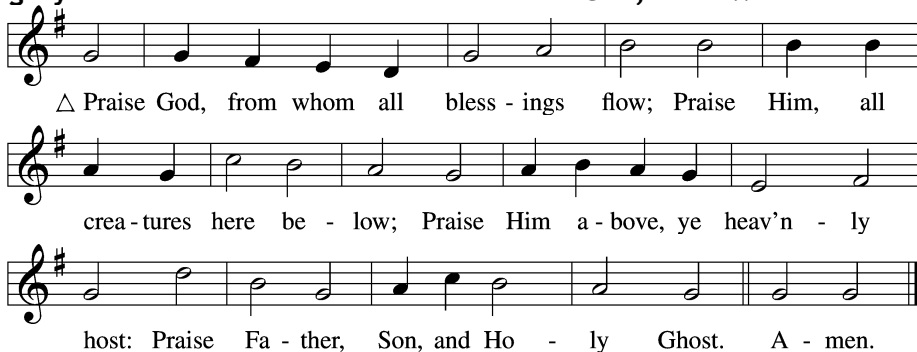
△ 7 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee
 While we own the mystery.

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Offering (*Please proceed to the Harvest Table with your offering*)

Offering Hymn

#805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:

*Joel Chancellor (DoRena's uncle), Heather Hawke (DoRena's cousin), Jenny Peterson (friend of Cheryl Louison)
 Megan Dunham, Kenneth Werling, Dan Bush (stepfather of Chad Dunham)
 James DeFraïn, Grace Anderson (friend of Macie Saalfrank with brain tumor)
 Lisa Imbody (Layne Fisher's sister) Deb Schumm (sister inlaw of Ted and Denise Schumm)
 Hazel and Enoch Krenzke (grandchildren of Dan and Sue Buchinger)
 Brittany (Conrad) Clausius, Sandy Avey
 Elaine Scallon (cousin of Loren Dathe battling cancer), Steve Ashcroft (grandfather of Ron Trammel)
 Raven Baker (daughter of Ryan and Kari), Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)
 Carla Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)
 Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

Blessings on the birth of a baby boy to Brett and Grace (Bauermeister) Cornman

We pray for our expectant mothers Hannah Stuckwisch, Makena Graham

We pray for protection: Pastor and Mrs. Moebring's son Stephen in Israel.

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Kyrie



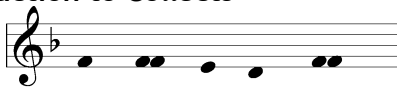
C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Introduction to Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

#895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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The Fourth Petition *Give us this day our daily bread.*

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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*“Offer to God a Sacrifice of Thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High;
and call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
Psalm 50:14 - 15*

