

THANKSGIVING



2 Corinthians

9:15

*But thanks be
to God for His
inexpressible
gift!*

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Bible Class: 9:15am
Worship: 10:30am

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CONFESSION

Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Hymn

WS 792 *Let All Things Now Living*

Invocation

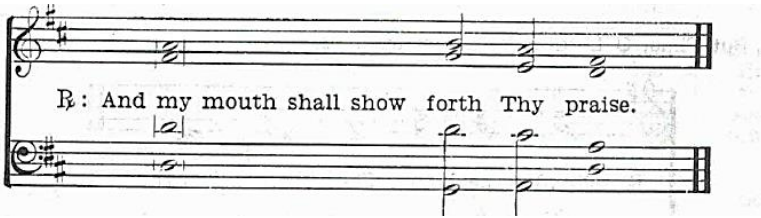
- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** (spoken) **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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- P** O Lord, open my lips.

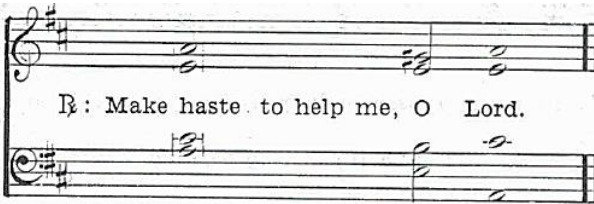
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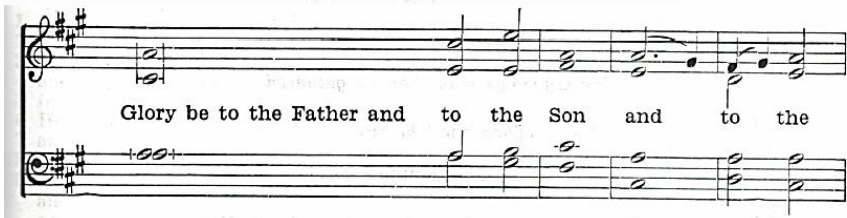
R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C



R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



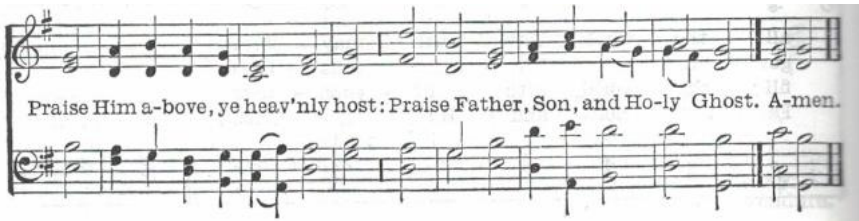
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er
shall be: world with - out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

- P** O, Most Merciful God, who has given us all that we need for our body and life. We confess that we often forget about the many blessings that you bestow on us, and instead focus on the things that you have seen fit not to give us. We are numbered with the nine lepers who did not return to give thanks.
- C** Dear Father in heaven, and giver of every good and perfect gift. We praise and thank You for the rich bounty of grace You have poured out on us. Do not deal with us according to our ignorance and sin but uphold us by Your righteousness and mercy. Make us truly thankful for our food, clothes, homes, family, friends, and jobs. And make us truly thankful each day for the gift of salvation won for us in Christ.
- P** Our gracious God does not deal with us in wrath according to our sins, but lovingly cares for us for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. Day by day, He gives us what we need and takes away our sin. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!
- C** For His mercy endures forever! Amen!

TLH 644 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’

4 “Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. 5 And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: ‘My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; 10 and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.’

“Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God. 11 So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your

God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 145 (selected verses)

- P** The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
C **And You give them their food in due season.**
P You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
C **The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.**
P The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.
C **To all who call upon Him in truth.**
P He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
C **He also will hear their cry and save them.**
P My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
C **And all flesh shall bless His holy name
Forever and ever.**

Second Reading

Matthew 15:29-39

John Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. 30 Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. 31 The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." 33 His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?" 34 "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

35 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. 36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. 37 They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 38 The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

Luther's Explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles 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.

Hymn

TLH 567 O Lord, Whose Bounteous Hand Again

Sermon

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (ESV)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And 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. 9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 He 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. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

GRACE IS THE GIFT THAT KEEP ON GIVING

I: God gives what you need to you

II: God gives what others need through you

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Hymn

WS 788 Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

Offering

Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 38 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

Silent Prayer

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this evening and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! We also invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

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