



Let them
thank the LORD
for his
steadfast love,
for his
wonderful works
to humankind.

Psalm 107:8



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord: On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we call to mind all of the many ways that our gracious God has showed to us His love. Were He to withhold His blessing, we would perish. Nonetheless, we must confess that we have taken His kindness for granted and often do not even think to return to Him in thanks. Let us then confess our thanklessness and complacency, seeking God's grace and forgiveness.

C **Dear Father in heaven, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have taken You for granted. We have succumbed to the temptation to think ourselves self-sufficient. We, like the nine ungrateful lepers, do not return to offer You thanks for the earthly blessings and the spiritual healing You continue to work for us each and every day. Have mercy upon us, and forgive our sinful ingratitude.**

P God is your loving heavenly Father who remains faithful even when we are faithless. He gives you blessings beyond numbering and beyond comprehension. He provides you with every bodily good and has freely given you the ultimate gift of eternal life through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ. Your peace is restored. Your needs are filled. Your prayers are answered. In Christ's stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Hymn

WS 792 Let All Things Now Living

Collect of the Day

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

6 “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 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. 10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.”

Psalm of the Day

Antiphonal Psalm 146 (WS pg 41)

Second Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 And He said to him,

“Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

Hymn of the Day

TLH 568 We Praise Thee, O God

Sermon

James 1:16-21

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

We Give Thanks - To God!

I: For every thing

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth.

P *What does this mean?*

C I believe that God created me and all that exists, that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. This is most certainly true.

II: On every day

C I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all that I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life. This is most certainly true.

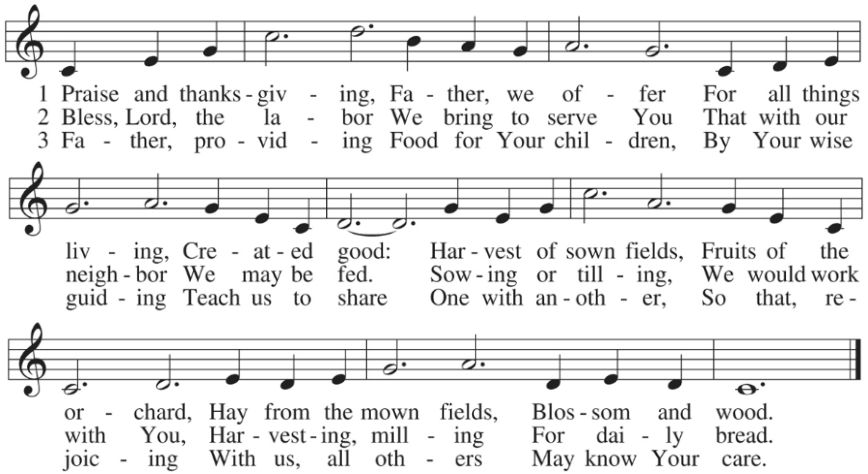
III: In every way

C I believe that God also preserves me by defending me against 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.

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

Hymn

LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise
liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

**4. Christ, our Redeemer, Chief of all blessings
You have made sure our eternal rest.
While we remain here, care for Your people
'Til we in glorious robes will be dressed.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

- P** For Creating us and the world we inhabit:
C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**
- P** For our bodies and souls, homes and daily bread, friends and family,
work and vocations, abilities – both mental and physical:
C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**
- P** For seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, for sunshine and rain, and
for the promise that these will not cease until Your return:
C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**
- P** For pastors and teachers, for parents and government, for the ability to
worship You in peace and to praise You in truth:
C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**
- P** For Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived the perfect life for us and died the
cruel death of the cross for us, and who rose again on the third day to
assure us of our justification:
C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**
- P** For our baptism in Your Name, by which you cleansed us of sin and
adopted us into Your family of faith:
C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**

P For the Lord's Supper, by which we receive the true body and blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of sins:

C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**

P For prayer, by which You invite us to bring all of our wants and cares to You who graciously hears and answers all our petitions, and by which we have the joy of returning to You with thankful hearts:

C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**

P For sending us Your Holy Spirit, who uses the Gospel in Word and Sacrament to create and sustain faith in Your people:

C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**

P For the communion of the saints, that fellowship we share with all believers across the world who we have been united with into one body under Christ, our Head:

C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**

P For the resurrection of the dead, which will come when Christ returns to join soul to glorified body to remain with You in everlasting bliss and joy.

C **We give You thanks, O Lord!**

P For all these things and all other blessings that are too numerous for us to count and too glorious for us to fully comprehend:

C **We give You thanks, O Lord, and pray:**

**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

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.

Closing Hymn

TLH 572 Praise to God, Immortal Praise

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 rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS + PARTY – We will be setting up Christmas decorations at Trinity after worship next Sunday, December 3rd. The following Sunday, December 10th, we will be having our Christmas party, complete with gift exchange. There is a \$10 limit on gifts, and members are asked to bring a dish to share if they are able. Everyone is welcome (whether you bring anything or not), so please plan to join us and bring a friend!

CHURCH COUNCIL + WOMEN'S CIRCLE – Because of the after-worship activities the next two Sundays, the church council and Women's Circle will meet next after worship on December 17th.

COMMUNION – Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper – please prepare your hearts accordingly.

BIBLE CLASS – Sunday and midweek Bible classes will resume their normal schedule this week: 9:15am on Sunday mornings and 2pm on Tuesday afternoons.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES – The church council has decided not to hold midweek Advent services this year. A midweek devotional video will be uploaded to each Wednesday beginning this week until Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, our Christmas Eve worship will take place at 10:30am on December 24th. Christmas Day worship of lessons and carols will follow the next day, December 25th, at the same time.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Nancy Thornton** underwent heart surgery recently morning to replace a

valve. The operation went well but there were a few complications that, while not life threatening, are causing Nancy some discomfort. We thank the Lord for His grace in a successful procedure and pray that He would be with Nancy in her recovery!

- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

<> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has received the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
10/29/23	25	\$1,027
11/5/23	22	\$2,451
11/12/23	24	\$1,365
11/19/23	18	\$640

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Tom & Molly Bettinger
12/10	Randy & Lynne Estes
12/17	Joyce Miller

DECEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Lux
Sanctuary	White
Basement	Naumann

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