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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

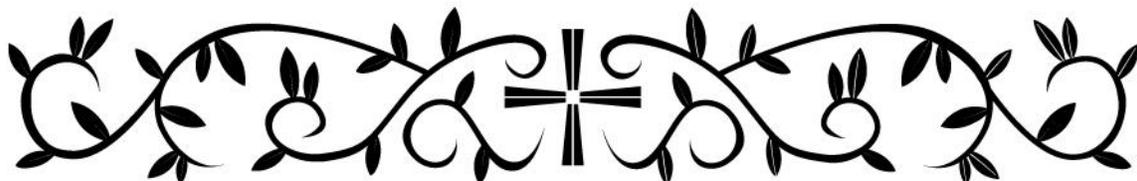
We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD!

Our God is a good God. He is rich in his love, generous with his gifts, and kind in all his dealings with us. We know the God who has given us so much – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He made us and gave us life, redeemed us and saved us, sanctified us and made us his. This evening, we'll praise God by remembering who he is and what he's done for us.

We not only give thanks for all the gifts we hold in our hands, but for the One in whose hands we are held.



THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.* 

Opening Hymn | 577 Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

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Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,

to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of day.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you

**in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

484 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, v. 1

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.**

THANKS FOR THE FATHER'S CARE

James 1:16–18 ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed, with Martin Luther's Explanation

Let us confess our faith in our good and merciful God.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

How does God care for us daily?

I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

How else does God care for us?

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

Why does God bless and preserve his children on earth?

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

Our Father has shown his goodness and mercy above all in sending his Son Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. Do you believe this?

Yes, God is good and merciful to me for the sake of Christ.

What is our response to God's goodness and mercy?

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Dear Father, we give you thanks for your gift of life!

You are good and merciful!

Dear Father, we give you thanks for all your daily gifts!

You are good and merciful!

Dear Father, we give you thanks for your protecting care!

You are good and merciful!

484 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, v. 2

**Dear Father, endless praise I render for soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, guardian kind and tender, for all the daily joys I find
so richly spread on ev'ry side and freely for my use supplied.**

THANKS FOR THE SON'S REDEEMING LOVE

1 Peter 1:18–21 ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, with Martin Luther's Explanation

Let us confess our faith in our gracious Saviour God.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

How has Jesus Christ come to be our Lord?

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

What does this gracious redemption mean for us?

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

How confident can we be about our redemption in Christ?

This is most certainly true.

Dear Saviour, you have set us free from sin and guilt!

We give you thanks for your cleansing blood!

Dear Saviour, you have set us free from death and hell!

We give you thanks for your resurrection victory!

Dear Saviour, you have set us free to live with you in your kingdom!

We give you thanks for your redeeming grace!

484 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, v. 3

**I praise you, Savior, whose compassion has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; you bore the cross triumphantly,
brought me from bondage full release, made me your own, and gave me peace.**

THANKS FOR THE SPIRIT'S SAVING WORK

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17 ¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, with Martin Luther's Explanation

Let us confess our faith in our gracious Saviour God.

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.

How lost in sin were we?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

What has God graciously done for us?

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

What is God graciously doing for others throughout time and history?

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

What does it mean for us that we belong to the one true, invisible Church?

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

How confident can we be about our place in God's family, now and eternally?

This is most certainly true.

Dear Spirit of God, you have brought us to faith!

We give you thanks for converting us by grace!

Dear Spirit of God, you have united us with yourself and all your people!

We give you thanks for your gracious work in the Church!

Dear Spirit of God, your gospel gives forgiveness now and a resurrection to life everlasting!

We give you thanks for your saving gifts through Word and sacrament!

484 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, v. 4-5

**Glory and praise, still onward reaching, be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done is worked by grace divine alone.**

Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
and triumph over fear and sadness, although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, your endless love is ever near.

Sermon

Colossians 3:17

24-7 Thanks in the name of Jesus

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymn | 504 We Sing the Almighty Power of God

Offering



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give a gift in that way. To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to (833) 693-7056. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

Thanksgiving Litany

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, O God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, O God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

We thank you, O God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;
for secrets kept in love:

We thank you, O God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

We thank you, O God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their
sudden sympathies:

We thank you, O God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom:

We thank you, O God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time
made precious by its passing:

We thank you, O God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation
and danger:

We thank you, O God.

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord:

We praise you, O God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and
prompts our grateful worship:

We praise you, O God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for
our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Special prayers & petitions

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Hymn | 505 For the Beauty of the Earth, v. 1-3

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
Amen.

Hymn | 505 For the Beauty of the Earth, v. 4-5

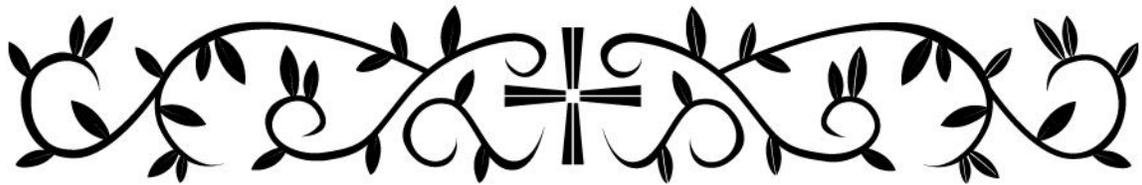


*Thank you to Greta Boettcher and Sarah Boettcher for using their gifts
to serve us and our Savior with music this evening!*



Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts. How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Psalm 104



Receive every day as a resurrection from death, as a new enjoyment of life; meet every rising sun with such sentiments of God's goodness, as if you had seen it, and all things, new-created upon your account: and under the sense of so great a blessing, let your joyful heart praise and magnify so good and glorious a Creator.

William Law
Biography and Works

The optimist says, the cup is half full. The pessimist says, the cup is half empty. The child of God says; My cup runneth over.

Anonymous

Being thankful is not telling God you appreciate the fact that your life is not in shambles. If that is the basis of your gratitude, you are on slippery ground. Every day of your life you face the possibility that a blessing in your life may be taken away. But blessings are only signs of God's love. The real blessing, of course, is the love itself. Whenever we get too attached to the sign, we lose our grasp on the God who gave it to us. Churches are filled with widows who can explain this to you. We are not ultimately grateful that we are still holding our blessings. We are grateful that we are held by God even when the blessings are slipping through our fingers.

Craig Barnes

