

Thanks  
be to **God**  
through  
**Jesus Christ**  
our  
**LORD!**

Romans 7:25

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## ☞ WELCOME ☞

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

HYMN 461

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

## — O GIVE THANKS —

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 105:1-8

- P: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
- C: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**
- P: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- C: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**
- P: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.
- C: O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
- P: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth,
- C: He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call on his name. Let us call on his name now as we confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
- C: Almighty God, you have commanded us to seek you, but we do not. How often we turn away from you and from your will for us. We follow our own sinful desires and the ways of this world. We do not give thanks for your many blessings. Forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Teach us to remember and give thanks for your mighty works. Help us by your Spirit to seek your presence in our lives.**

P: God remembers his covenant forever. He fulfilled his covenant promise and sent his Son to die on the cross and rise from death to win forgiveness and eternal life for you. For the sake of Jesus Christ and by his command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

## THANKSGIVING COLLECT

**C: Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you for your deeds of kindness. We honor you for your grace and mercy. The blessings that come to us from your heavenly throne bring us joy, and the promises that you have given us provide us with eternal hope. Bless all who gather in your name that we might always walk as children of God here on earth and forever in heaven. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

### — GIVE THANKS FOR PHYSICAL BLESSINGS —

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. 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 preserves them;**

P: That He richly and daily provides me with food and clothing, home and family, property and goods, and all that I need to support this body and life;

**C: That he protects me from all danger, guards and keeps me from all evil;**

P: And all this purely out of our Divine Father's goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

**C: For all of which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.**

P: This is most certainly true.

## READING

Deuteronomy 8:10–18

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow

large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

HYMN 464

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

— GIVE THANKS FOR SALVATION —

- P: 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;
- C: 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: What does this mean?
- C: I believe that Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary; and that He is my Lord,**
- P: Who 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;
- C: In order that I might belong to Him, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity.**
- P: This is most certainly true.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN 466

*We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

## — GIVE THANKS FOR FAITH —

- P: 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. Amen. What does this mean?
- C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith;**
- P: Just as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- C: In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins; and at the last day He will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ eternal life.**
- P: This is most certainly true.

SERMON TEXT:

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

SERMON THEME:

*Give Thanks to God in Everything*

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

✻ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✻

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for important information about our communion practice.*

THE PREFACE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: [sing, p. 50] **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the LORD.

C: [sing, p. 50] **We lift up our hearts unto the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

C: [sing, p. 50] **It is good and right so to do.**

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: **The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?

C: **The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins;" namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: **It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Who then receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: **Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a fine outward training; but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But he who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, "for you" require truly believing hearts.**

#### 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.**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### THE AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

C: [sing p. 55] **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: 325

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

#### PRAYER

P: Lord of our salvation, we give you thanks and praise for the countless blessings we receive from your hand, the blessings of home and family, food and shelter, work and friends.

**C: Teach us to be truly thankful, not only on this day, but every day.**

P: Lord of our salvation, we give you thanks and praise for defeating our enemies of sin, death and the devil and bringing us safely into your kingdom.

**C: Help us to speak freely of your love for us and of the forgiveness and salvation we have in your name.**

P: Lord of our salvation, we pray for those who find it difficult to give thanks, those who are surrounded by illness and worry, by fear and guilt, especially for those who have suffered losses recently and are experiencing sorrow or pain. Increase their faith to look to you in all troubles.

**C: Give us opportunities to show our gratitude to you by serving those who need to experience your love through our comfort and help.**

P: Lord of our salvation, teach us to sing with all the saints: "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation!"

**C: Thank the Lord! Amen.**

#### THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE 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 on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN 63

*Now Thank We All Our God*