



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES**  
**Babbtown (Meta 8 am)**  
**Schubert (Jefferson City 9:30 am)**

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*Thanksgiving Day*  
*November 28, 2024*

**Order of Worship:** Printed below (*Congregation in bold*)

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**"O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD!"**

**Pre-Service Music**

**Opening Hymn:** TLH #36 "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God Thro' all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore. Amen.**

**Opening Sentences**

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

**His mercy endures forever!**

The Lord is my light and my salvation!

**Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life!**

O Lord, Open my lips. **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

Make haste O God, to deliver me. **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

**His mercy endures forever!**

I was glad when they said unto me,

**"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

Open my heart to hear your Word. **Use me Lord, as you know best.**

Guard my going out and my coming in, **Both now and forevermore.**

## Confession of Sins

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We pause for a brief time of silence as we consider our personal forgiveness, and all things for which we are thankful)*

Let us then confess our sins to God and to one another:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always reflected your love and your glory. Too often we have failed to shine as your people. We humbly ask your forgiveness, and the forgiveness from our Christian family. Renew us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your way to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**Words of Forgiveness** (spoken by the Pastor in the name and place of God)

## Scripture Lessons:

Ezra 3:10-13

<sup>10</sup> And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup> And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,

“For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup> so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**Hymn of the Day:** TLH #574 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.**

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away;  
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final Harvest-home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide.  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious Harvest-home. Amen.**

**The Sermon:** “What Are You Thankful For?”

**Offering & Prayers**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** TLH #568 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee;  
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;  
Thro' life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been;  
When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us,  
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,  
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise  
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise. Amen.**

**Small Catechism – Explanation of 1st Article** *(spoken together)*

**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.**

## Responsive Prayer

- L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father, C have mercy and hear us.  
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.**
- L I cry to You, O Lord;  
C **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**
- L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
C **and with Your glory all the day.**
- L Every day I will bless You  
C **and praise Your name forever and ever.**
- L By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,  
C **O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**
- L Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**
- L He redeems your life from the pit  
C **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**
- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**
- L Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. C **Amen.**

## Benediction & Closing Hymn: "Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (x2)**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (x2) Give thanks!**

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Translator: Catherine Winkworth, (1858); Tune: Nun danket alle Gott; Composer: Johann Cruger, (1648).

Hymn #575: Scripture: Psalm 145:1; Before The Lord We Bow; Author: Francis S. Key (1832, alt.); Tune: Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>; Composer: John Darwall (1770).

Hymn #568: Scripture: Psalm 26:12; Dutch: Wilt heden nu treden; We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator; Author unknown, (1626); Translator: Julia B. Cady Cory (1882); Tune: Kremser; Source: "Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck," Haarlem, 1626.

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