



Thanksgiving Eve

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

Thanksgiving Day. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Family, friends, and football. To be sure, preparations for tomorrow have been taking place for many days, maybe even weeks. It can be easy for some things to be lost among the commotion of this holiday. This is why our Lord reminds us this evening to “Remember the Lord, your God.” He has done so much for his people: he’s created us, he’s provided for us, he’s given us our mind and our bodies. But most important of all, he’s given us his Son. Tonight, we—along with the prophets and apostles and all saints—cry out, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever!”

EVENING PRAYER

HYMN

THANKSGIVING

613 Come Ye Thankful People Come

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Come, You Thankful People, Come



1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his
3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal



har - vest - home. All be safe - ly gath - ered in
praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown,
har - vest home, From his field shall in that day
har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in,



Ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our mak - er
Un - to joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and
All of - fens - es purge a - way, Give his an - gels
Free from sor - row, free from sin, There, for - ev - er



shall pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied. Come to
then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of
charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the
pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with



God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home.
har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
all your an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-71, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PSALM 141

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

THE WORD

M: 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“The Lord your God is bringing you into the good land.”

8 “Carefully follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase, and may enter and take possession of the land the LORD swore to your ancestors.² Remember that the LORD your God led you on the entire journey these forty

years in the wilderness, so that he might humble you and test you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.³ He humbled you by letting you go hungry; then he gave you manna to eat, which you and your ancestors had not known, so that you might learn that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.⁴ Your clothing did not wear out, and your feet did not swell these forty years.⁵ Keep in mind that the LORD your God has been disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.⁶ So keep the commands of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and fearing him.⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams, springs, and deep water sources, flowing in both valleys and hills;⁸ a land of wheat, barley, vines, figs, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey;⁹ a land where you will eat food without shortage, where you will lack nothing; a land whose rocks are iron and from whose hills you will mine copper.¹⁰ When you eat and are full, you will bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118 (page 108)

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!
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Psalm tone

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A single staff of music in treble clef, one sharp key signature, and common time, showing a melodic line of eighth notes and rests.

The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Paul urges that prayers be made for everyone.

2 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 107:1

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his faithful love
endures forever.**

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals the ten lepers.

¹¹ While traveling to Jerusalem, he passed between^[a] Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy^[b] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he told them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And while they were going, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ But one of them, seeing that he was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. ¹⁶ He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Didn’t any return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he told him, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.”^[c]

HYMN

609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring:
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.

We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: KREMSER (12 11 12 11) Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626.

DEVOTION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

APOSTLES' CREED

First Article

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.

And 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 I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from 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.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace with the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies

that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of
*Jesus Christ our Savior; Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - - ry of your peo - ple Is - - ra-el.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

616 Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

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Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort

sin - ners poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from

heav - en, Bless the food you here have giv - en.

As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish, May our souls

in gra - ces flour - ish Till with saints in heav'n - ly

splen - dor At your feast due thanks we ren - der.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
 Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH (LM D Trochaic) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.



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