Zion Kvangelical Lutheran Church

The Office of Matins For the National Day of Thanksgiving

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Opening Hymn Come Ye Thankful Burgundy Hymn 892

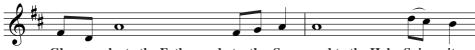
[Rise] Opening Sentences

O Lord, open my lips.



Make haste, O God, to deliver me.





Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir—it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev- er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al-le-lu — ia!

Common Invitatory

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite (Psalm 95)



1. Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- va— tion.



2. Let us come into His presence with thanks – giv – ing,

joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.



3. For the Lord is a great_God and a great King a-bove all gods.





+ The Word of God for the People of God +

+ The Psalmody: The Praise and Supplications of the People of God +

[Be Seated]

Psalm Chorale May God Bestow on Us Burgundy Hymn 823 [Rise for Stanza 3.]

[Be Seated]

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

[Following each reading]
O Lord, have mercy on us.

+ The Lection for the Day + Philippians 4:6-20

Luke 17:11-19

Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship Him.



Lord, I love

the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Lord, I love

the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

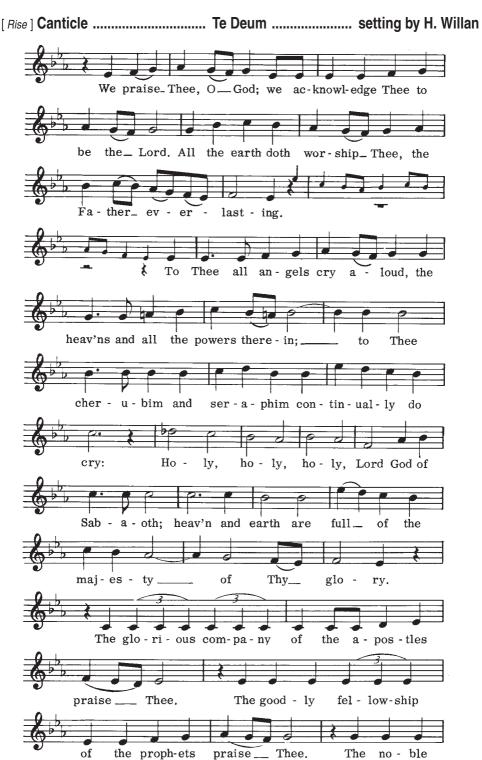
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Office Hymn We Praise Thee, O God Burgundy Hymn 785 Sermon

Offering, Choral Voluntary Father, We Thank Thee H. Willan [The text to the anthem may be found in the Burgundy Hymnal, Hymn 875.]







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Lord,

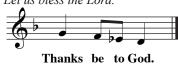
have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer



Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.



Blessing



Closing Hymn Now Thank We All Our God Burgundy Hymn 895

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Readings for the National Day of Thanksgiving

The First Reading is Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 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. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

The Second Reading is Philippians 4:6-20

[D]o not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Third Reading is Luke 17:11-19

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

Hymns for the National Day of Thanksgiving

LSB892 Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Henry Alford

- 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home, From His field shall in that day All offences 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.
- 4. 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.

LSB823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Martin Luther

- 1. May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us; And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us, That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure, And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure And unto God convert them.
- 2. Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation; And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation. For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish; Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish, In righteous paths to keep them.
- △ 3. O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing; The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing. May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us! Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us. Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

- We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2. We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; Through trial and tempest our guide You have been. When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us. And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

LSB895 Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinckart

- 1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through 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!
- △ 3. 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 thusit was, is now, And shall be evermore.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Thanking God Who Is Everything to Everyone

God is able to nourish better by the mere sight of Himself than by all the bread and food on earth, by means of which He now, too, bestows life and nourishes and changes these into flesh and blood, marrow and bone, etc. If He is able to do that now by means of bread and wine, which after all do not possess life, should He not be far more able to do this through Himself as Creator and Lord of all creatures? What would all food and bodily nourishment avail if God would not preserve us through His Word? That is what Christ tells us (Matt. 4:4), quoting from Deut. 8:3. For if He gave this human body no more than bread and wine, it would not endure or remain alive very long. The body must first of all have life, it must be healthy and strong and have warmth and strength to digest the food. Otherwise it would not benefit the body regularly to fill it with bread and to pour every kind of drink into it. ...

Since it is very apparent here that bodily food and drink do not suffice if God does not give His blessing, what will happen there when God reveals Himself? There we will not look at bread and wine; we will neither need nor desire apothecary or medication, but we will have sufficient solely from viewing and looking at God. This will make the whole body so beautiful, vigorous, and healthy, indeed, so light and agile, that we will soar along like a little spark, yes, just like the sun which runs its course in the heavens. In a moment we will be down here on earth or up above in the heavens. Indeed, I believe that everything will become much more beautiful, water, trees, and grass, and that there will be a new earth, as St. Peter says (2 Peter 3:13), which will be a delight to behold. But the preservation of body and soul will be accomplished solely by God, who alone is to be "everything to everyone." *Luther's Works*, 28:142-3.



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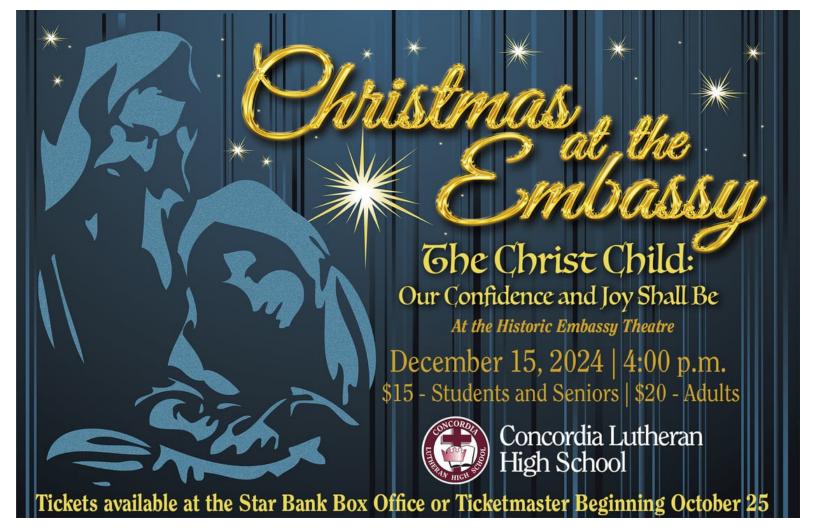
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HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE



HURRICANE HELENE made landfall near Perry, Fla., on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. The death toll is currently estimated at more than 180 people in six states.

On Sept. 30, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, departed for a multi-day visit to assess the damage, after which an initial response plan will be developed in cooperation with the districts affected. Other LCMS districts and Recognized Service Organizations are also assisting with the response.

While early reports seemed to indicate the damage would not be extensive, that quickly changed. In Florida, the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas sustained severe flooding, with multiple homes taking in water, making them currently uninhabitable. Meanwhile, south-central Georgia experienced significant tree damage, and western North Carolina — particularly Asheville — remains in dire conditions, with closed roads impeding transportation, and widespread power and cellular outages making communication difficult or impossible.

Johnson encourages everyone in the LCMS to take part in the response as they are able. First, and most important, please pray for those affected by the storms. Second, consider volunteering to assist with the response. Third, consider a gift to LCMS Disaster Response.





PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth. we know that you hold all things and people in Your hands. In your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected, in big ways or small, by Hurricane Helene. Work through the efforts of those who bring relief, aid and comfort, and protect all involved from any further harm. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His name we pray. Amen.

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thanks be to be to for those who work in our congregations and schools!





"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always

in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

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