

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 9, 2022 Thanksgiving Sunday



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." *Luke 17:11-13*

AS WE GATHER

The Day of Thanksgiving provides us a special time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for His countless blessings in our lives. From our early years, we have likely been told: "Count your blessings!" Can you do that today? As you think about the ways the Lord has blessed you in both body and soul, can you ever count them all? No way! God's blessings are way too numerous! Nevertheless, as we name our blessings and number them, we pause at each one to say, "Thank You, Lord!" Even when we go through difficult and trying times—and perhaps *especially* when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God and, echoing what is recorded in its sacred pages, respond to the Lord in gratitude and worship. In today's Epistle, we will see how Paul was taught by times of hardship how he could be content. Paul's awareness of God's ever-faithful provision led him to "abound" in thanksgiving! May we do the same today, abounding in thanksgiving to the God who "will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19)!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN LSB #895 "Now Thank We All Our God"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 95:1-2; 100:4-5; 147:1, 7*

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
People: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
People: **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
People: **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, we confess our sinfulness before You. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we live faithfully and with full thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.**

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN **LSB #789 “Praise and Thanksgiving”**

✠ WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 8:1–10* *(A call to remember the goodness of the Lord)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 4:6–20* *(Doing everything with thanksgiving to God)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN **LSB #806 “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19 (One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY **LSB #785 “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”**

SERMON: “Where are the Nine”

Text: Holy Gospel

OFFERING *(The offerings previously collected are brought forward)*

OFFERTORY HYMN LSB #894 “For the Fruits of His Creation”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN LSB #893 “Sing, to the Lord of Harvest”

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