

**As We Gather** • In Luke 17, we hear the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a despised Samaritan. Jesus did not take back His healing of the nine, despite their seeming lack of gratitude. He simply exclaimed, “Where are the nine?” None of us can claim to have never been with the nine. Our national day of Thanksgiving reminds us all that we take so much for granted and that our lives are not always lived in thankfulness and gratitude to God. Yet that does not stop Jesus from loving us, forgiving our sins by His cross, dying and rising for us, and giving us the power of His Spirit to, however imperfectly, express thanks to God.

### **The Greeting**

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** We are transformed in Christ

**C** to share the hope of eternal life.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Hymn • 790..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

### **The Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 118:1-4*

**P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

**P** Let Israel say,

**C** “His steadfast love endures forever.”

**P** Let the house of Aaron say,

**C** “His steadfast love endures forever.”

- P** Let those who fear the Lord say,  
**C** “His steadfast love endures forever.”
- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
**C** His steadfast love endures forever.

## **Confession and Absolution**

- P** With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God’s good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God’s re-creating word of forgiveness.
- C** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. And like the nine lepers, we fail to thank You as we should.
- P** Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins, and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!

## **The Introit**

*Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: v. 33*

- P** I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- C** O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.
- P** These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.
- C** When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.
- P** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.
- C** 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.
- I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

# The Kyrie ∞ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise • 789 ..... "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

## The Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## The Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

For Your goodness and mercy to us, O Lord,

**C** we give You thanks.

**P** For forgiving our sins through Christ,

**C** we give You thanks.

**P** For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,

**C** we give You thanks.

**P** Guide us to live each day in gratitude to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 7:3-12

*Samuel sets up a stone, calling it Ebenezer.*

<sup>3</sup> And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your heart to the LORD, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” <sup>4</sup> So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the LORD only.

<sup>5</sup> Then Samuel said, “Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you.” <sup>6</sup> So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, “We have sinned against the LORD.” And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. <sup>7</sup> Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines.” <sup>9</sup> So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. And Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him. <sup>10</sup> As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. <sup>11</sup> And the men of Israel

went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

<sup>12</sup> Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, “Till now the LORD has helped us.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **The Epistle**

## **Philippians 4:6-20**

*Paul encourages the Philippians to pray and give thanks to the God who sustains them in all troubles.*

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation, I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

Psalm 136:1

- P** Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever! Alleluia.

## The Holy Gospel

**Luke 17:11-19**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*Jesus generously heals ten lepers. A Samaritan is the only one who thanks Him.*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem, [Jesus] 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.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn • 686..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

## The Sermon

### The Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## The Offering

*Thank you for your support of the Lord's work through Holy Cross!*

## Offertory Hymn • 785 ..... "We Praise You, O God"

*Please stand on the last verse as the offering is brought forward.*

## The Prayer of the Church

**P** Filled with gratitude for all of God's mercy and provision, let us pray for the Church, for our nation, for our local community, and for our own needs, filled with thanksgiving that Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

For the Church throughout the world,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For the pastors, teachers, and all church workers of our Synod,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For missionaries far away and in difficult circumstances in our own nation,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For the elected leaders of our nation, state, and local community,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For doctors and nurses, fire fighters and police officers, construction and restaurant workers, teachers and counselors, and everyone else who contributes to the well-being of our community,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For Your presence with those who are sick, dying, or mourning,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For the people in our lives who love us and those we are called to love—families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For safe travel for those gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving Day,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

**P** For the ongoing generosity of this congregation, which provides Word and Sacrament ministry, Christ-centered community, and service to our neighbors,

**C** we give You thanks, O Lord.

- P** For the life and witness of those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from their labors eternally in the arms of Jesus,
- C** **we give You thanks, O Lord.**
- P** We entrust our prayers to You, gracious Father, who with Your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit reign forever as God of all.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **The Preface**

- P** The Lord be with you. **2 Timothy 4:22**
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. **Colossians 3:1**
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **Psalm 136**
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **The Proper Preface**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life for ours on the cross and was raised on the third day, so that our hearts and lives, filled with thankfulness, may become an expression of His generosity to all people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## The Sanctus *∞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** God of abundant generosity, You supply every need according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. We thank You for gifts of house and home, food and clothing, family and friends. Most especially, we thank You for the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, who in His body and blood gives us forgiveness of sins, true life, and salvation from all false gods. For all this, it is both our duty and our delight to thank and praise You.
- C** To our God and Father be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## The Proclamation of Christ

**1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

**Matthew 6:9-13**

**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 Pax Domini ∞ The Peace of the Lord

**John 20:19**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## The Agnus Dei ∞ The Lamb of God

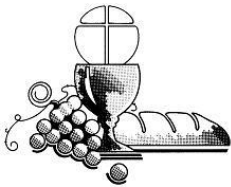
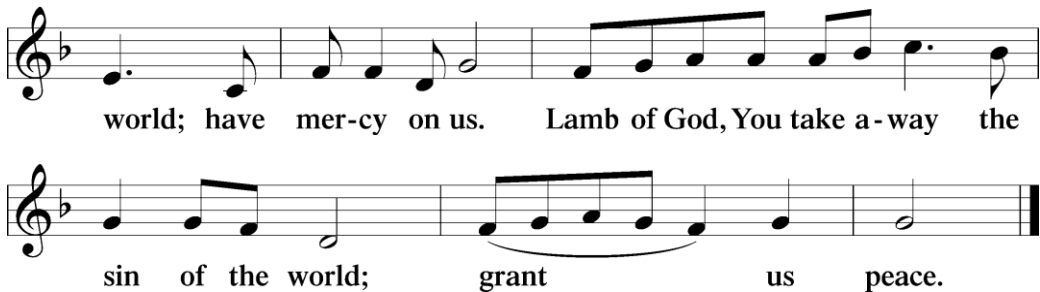
**John 1:29**



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



## The Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.*

*Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?*

*If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn • 966 ..... "Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

**Communion Hymn • 809 ..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Post-Communion Canticle • 643..... "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

### The Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You generously satisfy our deepest need with the body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank You, Lord. We ask that You so fill our hearts with gratitude that our lives overflow in generosity to the people around us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Benediction

**Numbers 6:24-26**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn • 895** ..... **“Now Thank We All Our God”**

△ *Please stand on the last verse.*

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***A blessed Thanksgiving to everyone!***