

+ HARVEST OBSERVANCE/DAY OF THANKSGIVING +
Service of Prayer & Preaching ~ LSB 260
November 19, 2025

As We Gather ~ *We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word*

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deut. 8:1–10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word which proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health, and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word, "Go show yourselves to the priests" (Luke 17:11–19). Of the ten cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by Baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).

Hymn 'O Lord, Whose Bounteous Hand Again'

TLH 567



1 O Lord, whose boun - teous hand a - gain Hath poured Thy
2 Oh, may we ne'er with thank - less heart For - get from
3 Lord, grant that we who sow to Thee With joy in



gifts in plen - ty down, Who all cre - a - tion dost sus - tain
whom our bless - ings flow! Still, Lord, Thy heav'n - ly grace im - part;
end - less life may reap. Of ev - 'ry heart the Guard - ian be;



And all the earth with good - ness crown, Lord of the
Still teach us what to Thee we owe. Lord, may our
By day and night Thy ser - vants keep That all to



har - vest, here we own Our joy to be Thy gift a - lone.
lives with fruit di - vine Re - turn Thy care and prove us Thine.
Thee may joy af - ford On Thy great har - vest - day, O Lord.

Please stand as you are able

Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.

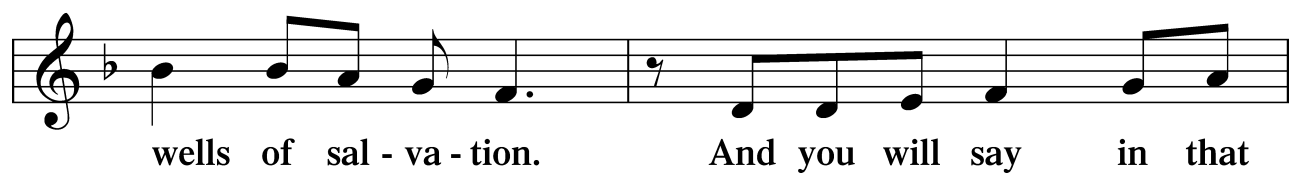
Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion.

And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Please be seated

Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

[L] A reading from Deuteronomy, the twenty-sixth chapter.

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

Front of Hymnal

Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Reading Response

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 12:13–21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Reading Response

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory: Common

LSB 263

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Please stand as you are able

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

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;
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.

Please be seated

Sermon

“The Eyes of All Look to You, O Lord”

2 Cor. 9:6-15

Hymn ‘O Lord, I Sing with Lips and Heart’

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O Lord, I Sing with Lips and Heart

Ps. 92: 1

Ich singe dir mit Herz und Mund

Paul Gerhardt, 1653, cento

Tr., John Kelly, 1867, alt.

C. M.

Ich singe dir

"Harmonischer Liederschatz"

Frankfurt, 1738



1 O Lord, I sing with lips and heart, Joy of my soul, to Thee;
 2 Thou art the Fount of grace, I know, And Spring so full and free
 3 For what have all that live and move Thro' this wide world be-low
 4 Who built the loft - y fir - ma-ment? Who spread th' expanse of blue?



To earth Thy knowl-edge I im-part As it is known to me.
 Whence saving health and goodness flow Each day so boun-teous-ly.
 That does not from Thy bounteous love, O heav'n-ly Fa-ther, flow?
 By whom are to our pas-tures sent Re-fresh-ing rain and dew? A-men.



5 Who warmeth us in cold and rain?
 Who shields us from the wind?
 Who orders it that fruit and grain
 We in their season find?

7 O Lord, of this and all our store
 Thou art the Author blest;
 Thou keepest watch before our door
 While we securely rest.

6 Who is it life and health bestows?
 Who keeps us with His hand
 In golden peace, wards off war's woes
 From our dear native land?

8 Thou feedest us from year to year
 And constant dost abide;
 With ready help in time of fear
 Thou standest at our side.

9 Our deepest need dost Thou supply
 And all that lasts for aye;
 Thou leadest to our home on high
 When hence we pass away.

Please stand as you are able

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- L** Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with

those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Hymn 'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'

LSB 582



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Blessing

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn ‘Gracious God, Again is Ended’

TLH 560

Ps. 121: 1

Herr, es ist von meinem Leben

Caspar Neumann, 1711

Recast by John T. Mueller, 1933

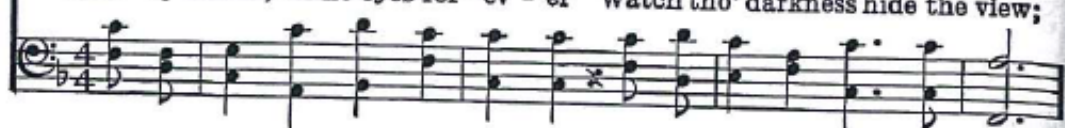
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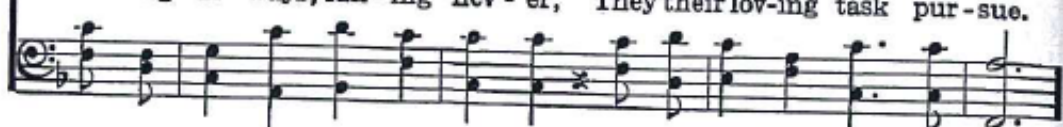
Johann Schop, 1643



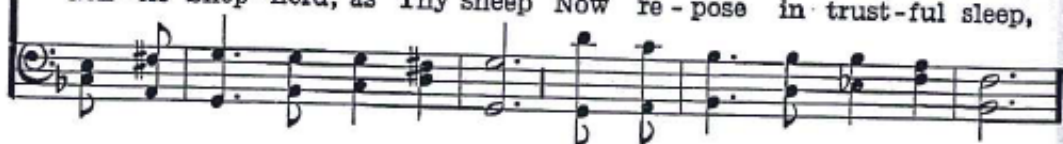
1 Gra-cious God, a - gain is end - ed Of my life an - oth - er day.
 2 Faith-ful Fa - ther, thus be - fore Thee Now I come with fer - vent plea;
 3 Lov - ing Sav - ior, I will sole - ly Look to Thee for peace - ful sleep;
 4 Ho - ly Ghost, Thine eyes for - ev - er Watch tho' darkness hide the view;



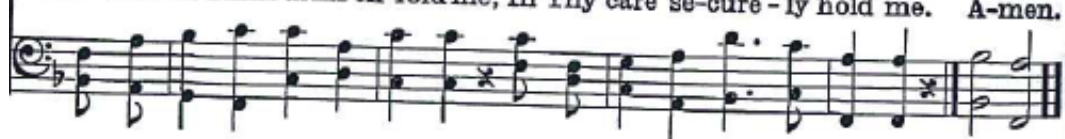

Show me where I have of - fend - ed, Where I fal - tered on the way;
 Tho' un - wor - thy, I im - plore Thee, Be Thou mer - ci - ful to me;
 Sanc - ti - fy my spir - it whol - ly, An - gels send their watch to keep.
 Wak - ing al - ways, fail - ing nev - er, They their lov - ing task pur - sue.




Let me by Thy grace di - vine View this sin - ful life of mine.
 Let Thy face up - on me shine As the fleet - ing hours de - cline.
 Bid all threat - ning foes be gone, Guard my home and all mine own;
 Gen - tle Shep - herd, as Thy sheep Now re - pose in trust - ful sleep,




Calm - ly, as the day now clos - es, In Thy love my soul re - pos - es.
 Help me do Thy will and plea - sure Day by day in full - er mea - sure.
 Drive a - way all gloom and sor - row, Bless me with a glad to - mor - row.
 So with - in Thine arms en - fold me, In Thy care se - cure - ly hold me. A - men.



Gracious God, Again is Ended

5 Gracious God, let me awaken
To another blessed day
That I may, with faith unshaken,
Serve Thee as my Strength and Stay.
Should instead death's summons come,
Take me to Thy heavenly home.
To Thy care I thus commend me;
Lord, in life and death attend me.

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We wish to thank everyone who provided, served & cleaned up for the meal. It is greatly appreciated!

Mid-Week Advent Services

A meal will be served from 5:15-6:15pm

Service begins at 6:30pm

EVERY HEART PREPARE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we “deck the halls with boughs of holly.” These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church’s season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the creche. Then on Christmas we will focus on the decorated presents which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, December 3rd: EVERGREENS

Wednesday, December 10th: LIGHTS

Wednesday, December 17th: CRÈCHE