O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good:
for His mercy endures forever.
Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving Eve

November 26, 2025 + 7:00 p.m.

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Thanksgiving Eve Vespers

(*Lutheran Service Book*: 229-234)

Pre-service music and silent prayer before worship

Stand

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Common Versicles

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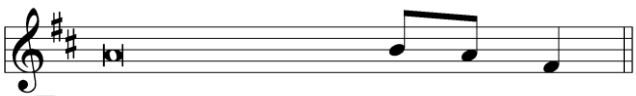
P O Lord, open my lips,



C **and my mouth will de-clare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Psalm 67

Make Your Face Shine upon Us

P [1]May God be gracious to us and bless us
C **and make his face to shine upon us,**
P [2]that your way may be known on earth,
C **your saving power among all nations.**
P [3]Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C **let all the peoples praise you!**
P [4]Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C **for you judge the peoples with equity**
P and guide the nations upon earth.
C **[5]Let the peoples praise you, O God;**
P let all the peoples praise you!
C **[6]The earth has yielded its increase;**
P God, our God, shall bless us.
C **[7]God shall bless us;**
P let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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

Sit

Readings

Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

P A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 8.

[1]"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. [2]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. [3]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. [4]Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. [5]Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. [6]So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. [7]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, [8]a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, [9]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. [10]And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Philippians 4:4–8

P A reading from Philippians, chapter 4.

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6]do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8]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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Luke 17:11–19

P A reading from Luke, chapter 17.

[11]On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12]And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance [13]and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." [14]When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. [15]Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16]and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. [17]Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? [18]Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19]And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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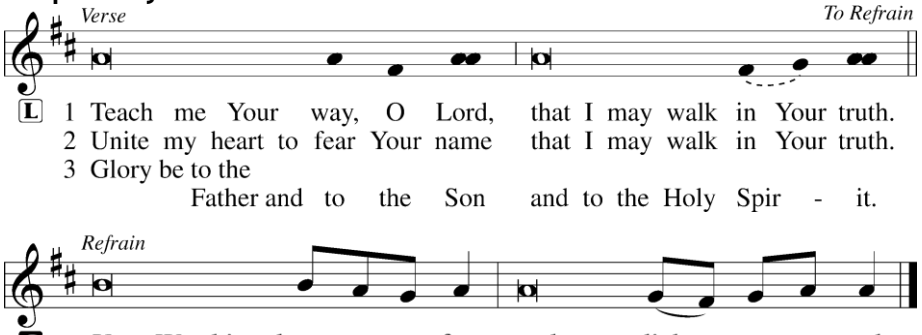

785 We Praise You, O God

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Sit

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

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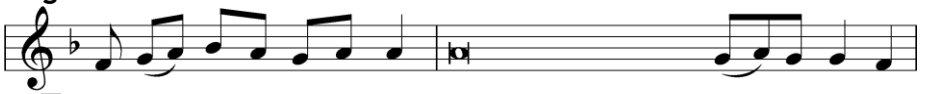
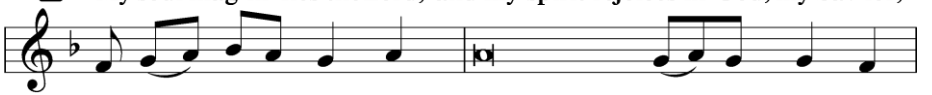
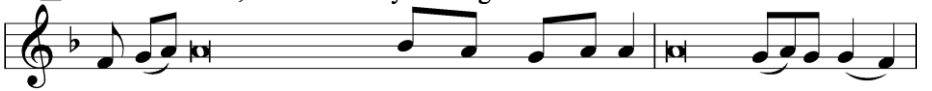


C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.

II For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.

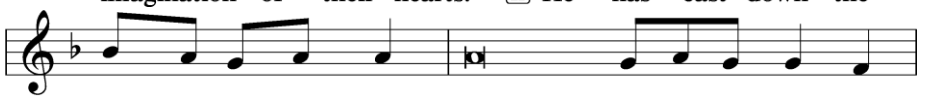


I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.

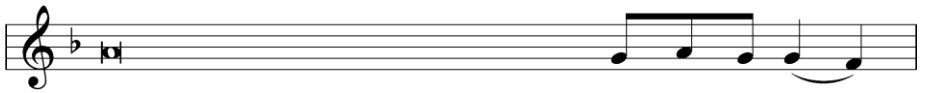
I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the

imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the

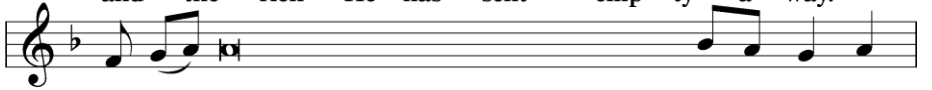


might - y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.

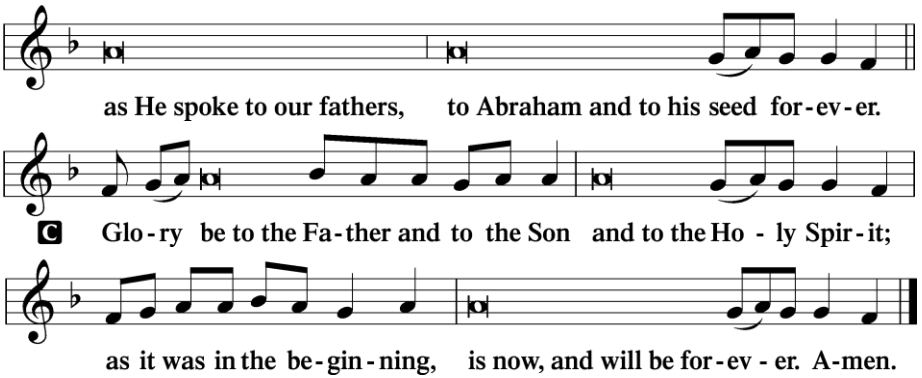
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



Offering

Adult Choir - "Gracious God You Send Great Blessings" *LSB 782*

Sit

Prayers

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie *LSB 233*

Lord's Prayer

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.

Thanksgiving Litany

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, from Your hand we receive all good gifts, especially the gift of salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we remember to offer you our thanks and praise for your abundant mercy.

For the tender love You show Your whole creation: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For our nation, and all its people, for good government, and for the freedoms we enjoy, especially for the freedom to worship You in peace: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For the food we eat, the clothes we wear and the homes we live in: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For our families, for husbands and wives, and especially children with their joy and their trust, for grandparents and grandchildren, for aunts and uncles: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For the fields and their harvest, for farmers and their labors, for the good earth and all its bounty: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For the sufferings that come upon us and for the reminder they bring of the one thing needful: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: Above all for the incarnation of our Lord, for His suffering and death, for His glorious resurrection and ascension and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For the holy Church, for the divine waters of Baptism, for the comfort of Holy Absolution, and for the life-giving Sacrament of the Altar: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: For the Sacred Scriptures, for the holy Law that shows us our sin, and for the holy Gospel that reveals the righteousness of Christ as Your gift to us: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: For these and all Your mercies, mercies beyond number and measure: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: You are indeed blessed and holy and worthy of all honor and praise, O Father Almighty, O only-begotten Son, O Spirit of Holiness. To You alone do we give all glory now and forever!
C: ***Amen!***

Introduction to Collects

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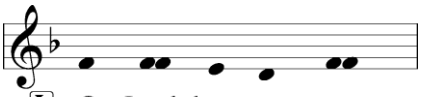

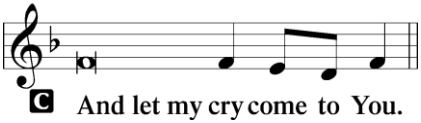

Collect of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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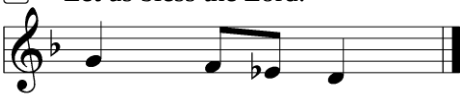
L Let us bless the Lord.



Benediction

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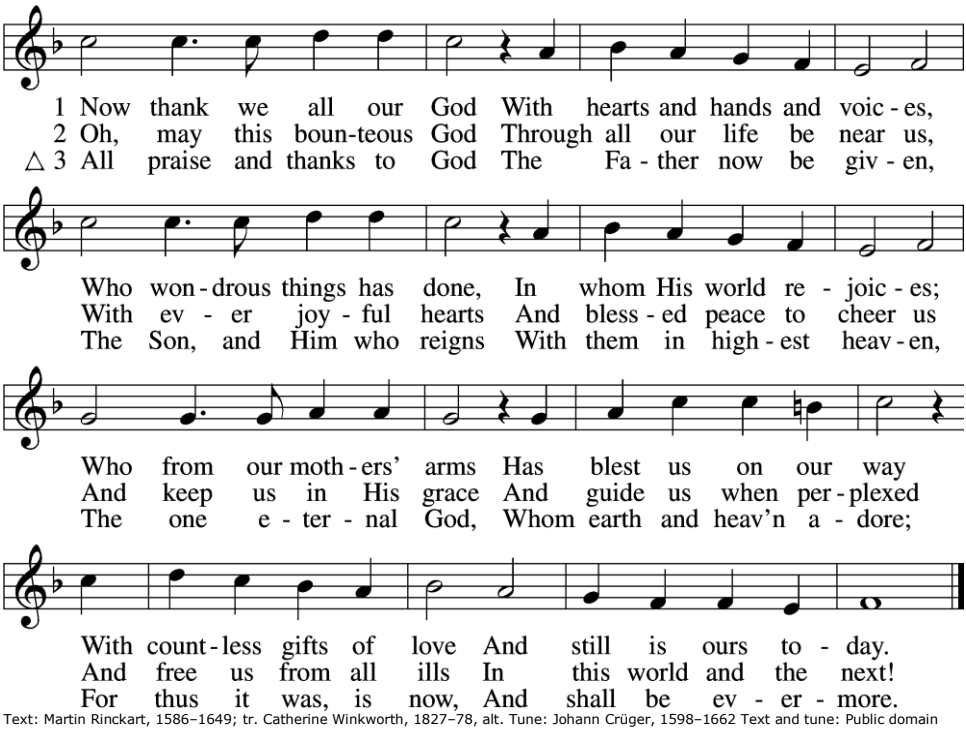
P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

895 Now Thank We All Our God



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